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PREMIERE LAUNCHES DOCUMENTARY 'WAKING UP BARRY' the inspirational story of young impresarios

THE premiere of the documentary 'Waking Up Barry', which tells the story of two local men who have a passion for putting on big name events in the town, was held on Saturday evening at the Masonic Hall in Broad Street.

A select, invitation-only audience was treated to the first public glimpse of the film featuring cousins Ross Mackintosh and Matthew Blumberg, who have brought sports

stars like Jamie Roberts and Paul Merson to the town for speaker events.

The two men who operate under the 'Mack Events Present' banner, are also responsible for the successful GlastonBarry event.

The documentary Waking Up Barry has been made by local filmmaker Mark Woods and followed the boys as they embarked on their biggest project yet - holding an evening with former Liverpool star Neil Ruddock, and also GlastonBarry 2014 - which took place over

by GARETH
JAMIESON

two nights in the surroundings of Romilly Park.

During the 74-minute running time the audience was able to see all the hard work that goes into the enterprise, and how enthusiastic the pair are to create events that put Barry on the map.

The documentary also takes viewers on a trip down memory lane highlighting the vibrancy of Butlins and the annual carnival, staples of the town until the 1990s.

Following the boys for an 18-month period, Woods does an incredibly professional job of capturing the minutiae of both the event planning, and also the larger story of hoping to restore Barry to its former glory.

Using a mixture of talking heads and vintage footage, he balances the two story strands (the



Matthew Blumberg, filmmaker Mark Woods and Ross Mackintosh, on the red carpet for the premiere of their new documentary.

planning of the events and the town itself) about the town and their wonderfully well-aimed is certainly inspiring.

There are now plans for a public screening of the documentary, while there are ongoing talks with a number of broadcasters over showing it on television in the near future.

Hopefully, the efforts of those involved will see wider recognition in the long-term, as their plans for Waking Up Barry seem to be going to plan so far!

Local student's dream is to represent Wales in South Africa...

by GEM
REPORTER

A talented young sportsman from St Richard Gwyn High School is hoping a company or individual will sponsor his dream of representing Wales in the Fencing Commonwealth Games in South Africa this summer.

Jack Cafaro (16), who lives in St Athan, has won a host of national junior titles in 'foil' and 'épée', and this week was thrilled when it was confirmed that he had been selected by his country to compete in Cape Town.

His grandmother Sue explained: "It is the opportunity of a lifetime for Jack."

"He's been selected for Wales thanks to gaining the required competition points, and having the sheer determination, commitment and dedication."

But the trip is not funded by any Welsh body and the cost is £2,600.

Sue said: "We're hoping someone may step forward with sponsorship so he can realise his dream."

Jack joined Llantwit Major Fencing Club and has been coached by Dr Gordon Kingston.

He has won Welsh foil and épée championships at junior level, and been named the Vale's 'Junior Sportsman of the Year'.

At the School Games in Manchester last year, he won an individual bronze épée and a silver medal for Team Wales épée.

The Fencing Commonwealth Games take place in Cape Town from July 11 to July 17.

If you can help Jack achieve his dream by providing some funding, please contact Sue at: suejones125@gmail.com



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What sort of life outside Europe?

HERE we go again! EM Grier of Porthcawl (GEM letters) believes that many of our problems could be solved by pulling out of Europe.

The writer states that the EU costs us £50 million per day. This is less than the £55 million a day which Mr Farage alleges it costs. Even at £50 million, this amounts to £17.25 billion each year.

However, the net cost of membership is between £2 – £3 billion which, while still significant, is nowhere near enough to address the problems.

At whatever level this debate is conducted, I've never yet seen anything from anti-EU writers to describe exactly what we would do after we left.

We get nonsense such

as we could be like Norway or Switzerland, with no details of how this would work (because both of those countries have to dance to the EU's tune).

Or we could trade with our friends in the Commonwealth like we used to, again without stating how this would be achieved.

Or that we could develop independent trade relationships with third world countries to replace what we would lose by leaving Europe.

If anyone believes that leaving the largest trading structure in the world would be penalty-free they are living in cloud-cuckoo land.

Please, all you EU-phobes, regale us with your wisdom about how we would exist outside the EU before you campaign to get us out. **David Kennett, Barry.**

'Man of the people'

I WAS saddened to read of Coun Bertin's so-called 'boob': a momentary lack of judgement, followed by a removal of offending material and a sincere apology, makes Coun Bertin a decent man.

I read The GEM every week and there is rarely an issue that does not mention his work.

He seems to me to be a voice for the people of Barry. From memory, I can recall he has campaigned for safer road crossings, Barry

Island access and regeneration, and spoken about the rise of food banks in our community.

There is more, I am sure. He is a man of the people, and like us all, he has made mistakes.

I wonder if taxpayers' money was used to fund the stage-3 hearing – and if so, how this money could have been better spent?

Since he admitted his guilt and issued an apology, was it necessary?

Please don't be disheartened, Coun Bertin, and don't let the bureaucrats grind you down.

Tanya Chin, Barry.

Remembering the Arsenal

I WAS pleased to see a report and photograph of the Bridgend Arsenal in The GEM on February 19.

The munitions workers are a forgotten army and hardly ever get a mention, although in the celebrations last autumn, Huw Edwards spoke of them on TV.

I worked in TNT and CE gunpowder for two years during the war.

We were able to go 'off contact' for a week occasionally, to recover from breathing in the powder.

It was quite dangerous work; many people lost fingers and their lives in explosions.

I was also conscripted to do night duty in the local fire station.

I look forward to seeing more about the ROF in future GEMs. **Mrs Cecilia Pickering, Pencoed.**

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'Affordable housing part of long-term rural plan'



Old Station Yard, St Athan (development image).

I WRITE in response to a number of letters sent to The GEM in recent weeks regarding affordable housing in rural communities.

It is good to hear positive responses from residents, as the housing department actively promotes the supply of affordable housing, both for rent and low-cost home ownership across the Vale.

As contributors have acknowledged, high monthly rents and house prices in the rural Vale are out of the reach of many young people and families. This means they may have to move out of the rural communities they grew up in, work in or where they have family.

We have been concerned for some time about the effect the lack of affordable housing can have on the health of rural communities. When people move away, it can have a negative effect on the viability of local schools, businesses and services.

The council is part of the Welsh Government's Rural Housing Project and employs a dedicated

Rural Housing Enabler (RHE) that works with rural communities to identify housing needs, which can include working households struggling to afford local rents, and first time buyers who are priced out of the market.

Affordable housing can include properties for rent and sale, they are aimed at people who cannot afford a suitable property to rent or buy privately.

It can be delivered by registered social landlords using funding from the Welsh Government and by market house builders, who can deliver affordable housing as part of the planning conditions.

I am pleased to see that many Vale residents understand the need for new affordable housing, particularly in the rural Vale, where there is currently an under-supply.

By providing additional affordable housing in these areas, we are contributing to creating sustainable long-term solutions for rural communities.

Coun Bronwen Brooks (Cabinet member for housing, Vale of Glamorgan Council).

No news of the 10,000 food parcels for needy!

I HAVE received a second 'Vale of Glamorgan Chronicle', which looks like a newspaper, but contains no news.

It has 10 photos of Mr Cairns MP and not much else, but we can read about potholes, ghost bus and black bin bags – and, of course, the long-term UK economic plan

is mentioned three times.

What will never be printed are facts like almost 10,000 food parcels have been handed out in the Vale, over 39,000 in Wales and, in the whole of the UK, over one million.

The UK figure was 41,000 when this Conservative-led coalition came to power. **G Smith, Llantwit Major.**



The Herbets.

'Tale of a gunged-up catalytic converter and good Samaritans coming to my rescue'

I DIDN'T realise that driving your car sedately results in the exhaust system not getting hot enough and that sooner or later, the catalytic converter gets gunged-up (technical term?)

Shortly after that, your engine management system goes haywire.

Apparently this is why my elderly Fiat has died, not once but twice, while driving to work along Park Crescent in Barry.

The first time a kind council worker helped me push start the car; on the second occasion a pretty lady and a strapping gentleman both got out of their cars on a wet and miserable morning to push mine down Park Crescent, thus clearing

the unintentional morning rush hour roadblock I had created.

I've now put some cleaning solution in the fuel tank and also run the car at 4,000 rpm for half an hour to get the system to self clean.

What I have not yet done, is express my heartfelt gratitude to these selfless people who went out of their way to help me and their fellow commuters get on their way.

Please would you print this in your paper in the hope that these kind people can at least get, albeit second hand, the recognition they so rightly deserve...

And, hopefully, a warm snug feeling that they've added to the abundance of Good, in a much-maligned town. **Steve Fitzpatrick, Barry.**

The language of the Britons

I AM proud of the fact that I have two languages. From my post-Roman ancestors I have inherited English, a rich and interesting fusion of invading Germanic languages and dialects with an input of Norman French and other elements.

My other language is Welsh, a language that we in Wales have inherited from the Britons themselves, with an interesting Latin element as a result of being under Roman rule.

If people don't wish to learn or use Welsh, that is their choice.

But how, in all honesty, can those who are antagonistic towards

the language of the Britons (ie Welsh), then think that they can call themselves Britons? What a cheek!

The fact that Welsh has become a minority tongue in Wales is not a reflection on Welsh itself, but is the result of deliberate undermining, and policies of wanton destruction enacted by hostile London Governments over the centuries – against a people who had virtually no power to defend their language.

It is remarkable that Welsh has survived. In truth, we probably should claim billions in restitution from the Westminster government for their misrule.

Niclas ap Glyn, Penarth.

'Please leave Welsh language alone!'

I N response to a GEM letter asking why we need to learn Welsh, basically it gives roots to the modern world by connecting it to history.

Latin is another language struggling to survive and a very good example of my point of view. The Roman Catholic Church operates primarily in Latin and has a vast archive of material written in the language.

As it is a dying language with fewer people studying it, these archives become harder to access and less open to interpretation.

Welsh is similar: there is a vast repository of material written in Welsh

over the centuries. Not all of it is poetry and music, some are family diaries, others are legal documents.

If the language is lost, then this connection risks being severed and a root of history dies.

I am English and have lived in Wales less than 20 years. I am putting down roots and love the fact that I can travel down those roots and as when I wish.

Language is important. English is a primary language in the modern world, but to think it is the only language, is a foolhardy viewpoint.

Please leave the Welsh language alone! Let it endure, and do not sever the roots of history lightly. Thank you.

Charles Allen, Boverton.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MARCH 12)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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07 Sat	07.26	9.8	19.42	9.7
08 Sun	07.55	9.6	20.11	9.5
09 Mon	08.24	9.5	20.36	9.3
10 Tues	08.54	9.3	21.08	9.2
11 Wed	09.24	9.1	21.42	8.9
12 Thur	09.59	8.7	22.22	8.5

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YMCA worker Mike went the extra mile

YOUTH WORK Excellence Awards, showcasing outstanding achievements by youth workers, were handed out at a ceremony in Cardiff's Mercure Holland House Hotel last week.

It was compered by comedian and broadcaster Tudor Owen and the awards presented by Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology, Julie James AM.

She said: "A youth worker's role is vital in supporting young people along on their journey into adult life."

"Youth workers support and empower young people during this journey."

"The 63 nominations for tonight's awards reflect the wide range of

work being done to support our young people and the commitment of youth workers up and down the country."

Young people were asked to nominate a youth worker or a youth work project they believed had gone that extra mile to support young people for the Your Choice Award.

Nominations were made via short videos, and a panel of young people voted for the winner.

Mike Smith, the media co-ordinator from the Barry YMCA, won after being nominated by James Rees, a volunteer media assistant.

For the past two years, Mike has helped James on his road to recovery following an accident that affected his sight.

'No equality in parking fines'

"WHEN will the Vale Council start fining people who park dangerously on the double yellow lines outside Barry Road Post Office, with the same gusto that they use to persecute churchgoers who park in Holton Road on a Sunday morning?"
(Name and address supplied).

'We need our bathroom finished!' Couple's plea to council and contractors

by GEM REPORTER

A couple from Rhose say they are frustrated and depressed that council work at their bungalow hasn't been completed, leaving them without the full use of a bathroom since February 9.

John Piper told The GEM: "A neighbour and a friend in Llanedeyrn have even offered for us to go to their house for a bath or shower, but we want our own bathroom working properly."

John and Margaret Piper had been looking forward to a new bathroom as part of the Vale Council's work of updating properties.

Their difficulties have been exacerbated by the fact that there has been an on-going problem with the drains outside their bungalow.

Mr Piper explained: "In the past, when we've flushed the toilet or run water in the basin, sewage came up into the bath. The smell has been horrible."

Mrs Piper (73) is in ill health and has had two heart operations. She needed a shower installed instead of a bath as part of the re-fit for

ease of access. But a council decision to fit a wet room means the Pipers fear sewage will seep up into the bathroom and out into their hall.

Mr Piper said: "We need a proper shower tray installed, but they won't do it. We haven't been able to have a shower or bath since February 20."

"We're frustrated and depressed by the situation. We need this work done urgently."

There has been no hand basin since February 10 when work started.

The sewage problem is caused by the fact that their bungalow is at the end of a 'run'. Pooling in a nearby drain forces waste water back up to their drain and the knock-on effect for the bathroom plumbing.

Last Friday, Lovell the contractors had to cap a pipe in the bathroom because of the overwhelming smell of sewage gas.

Over the years, both the council and Welsh Water have unblocked the drains outside.

Mr Piper added: "We've decided that we don't want the kitchen

been called up and will be carried out shortly.

"A temporary shower was offered to Mr and Mrs Piper previously although this was refused by the tenants. In addition, a temporary bath was also due to be installed this week and this has also been declined by Mr Piper."

"The council acknowledges that the drainage issues have not been adequately resolved to the satisfaction of Mr and Mrs Piper, and we can only apologise for this. It is envisaged that the upcoming works will remedy the situation once and for all."

The head of housing services at the Vale Council, Hayley Selway, said it was working to resolve the problems faced by the Pipers, and added that the intention of the wet room was to make life easier for them.

"The council commenced the installation of a wet room to this property as part of the 'Welsh Housing Quality Standard' which will assist the tenants to live more independently in their home."

"The council acknowledges that Mr and Mrs Piper have been experiencing a long-standing drainage issue where previous attempts to resolve the problem has resulted in the blockage eventually returning."

"The council recently surveyed the drainage system and works to rectify the problems have



Work has stopped in the Pipers' bathroom.

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PENARTH AVIATION SOCIETY NEWS

Insight into 3,700-mile memorial flight from Lancaster's navigator

WITH its four Rolls Royce Merlin engines creating that distinctive roar, the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight's Avro Lancaster has thrilled crowds across the UK.

The Avro Lancaster was the iconic RAF heavy bomber of World War Two and is probably best remembered for the successful raid on the dams in the Ruhr Valley Germany by 19 Lancasters of 617 Squadron on May 16-17, 1943.

The raid was led by Wing Commander Guy Gibson; interestingly he married a Penarth girl – Eve Moore at All Saints Church, and they lived for a while in Archer Road.

Penarth Aviation Society hosts Flt Lt Richard Gibby who, until a recent posting, was a navigator with the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) having completed three seasons with this section of the Royal Air Force No 1 Group.

Richard was the navigator for the



Canadian Lancaster coded VR-A ('VERA'), that joined the BBMF Lancaster last summer to give air show spectators a double bill.

He will give an account of the epic 3,700-mile flight from VERA's base in Canada to RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire.

The North Atlantic crossing included en-route stops at Goose Bay in Canada, Narsarsuaq in Greenland, and Keflavik in Iceland, before arriving at RAF Coningsby.

Flt Lt Richard Gibby is only the second navigator to have flown on both the RAF and Canadian Lancasters.

He will also recall some of his other experiences in the Royal Air Force, including flying fast jets such as the Tornado GR4. He instructed on the Low

Level Training Squadron at RAF Cranwell and joined the RAF Central Flying School as the Fast Jet Navigator Examiner.

The Aviation Society's meeting takes place tomorrow (March 6), at 8pm in the Conservative Club, Stanwell Road, Penarth. Visitors are welcome to attend the presentation (a donation of £2 is requested).

This will be followed by a business session for members only. There will then be a social time at which visitors are welcome.

Contact the honorary secretary of Penarth Aviation Society, Mike Duxbury, to ensure seating availability on 01446 711 482; mobile 07829 124 353.

Further details can be seen on the society's website and on Facebook.

Navajo wind talkers were a secret war weapon...FORUM HEARS

THE speaker last week at the Barry Men's Forum, which meets at the Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, Aberystrwyth Crescent, each Thursday morning at 10.15am, was Polly Davies, who gave an extremely interesting talk.

Communications are inevitably intercepted by the enemy and decoded: in the Great War, Lloyd George had encouraged communications to be transmitted in Welsh.

This was developed in the second World War, by the Americans. In 1942, Philip Johnston persuaded the Marines to use the Navajo language as the basis for transmitting messages.

Polly explained that this language has no alphabet and nobody had ever researched it, and the words are inconsistent.

The American Government had officially banned the language, making youngsters learn English only. However, the Navajo were proud of their heritage and refused to fully comply and secretly taught their children.

The Marines originally recruited 29 Navajos and trained them. They were then made to take an 'Oath of Secrecy', which only the President could release them from.

The advantages were that they could transmit messages in their mother tongue, instantaneously, where it was taking 30 minutes to code messages to send, and only native speakers knew it.

The success of the Americans in taking Iwo Jima, was partly due to the 800 messages being transmitted during the hostilities. A message could be sent in 20 seconds, whereas a coded message took 30 minutes. One of the

soldiers in the famous 'Raising the Flag' photograph, was Navajo interpreter – Ira Hayes.

This language was later used in the Korean and Vietnam wars, but because of the oath they had taken, it was kept secret, and never acknowledged, until 1968 when the President lifted the ban.

In 2001, the original 29 were honoured with the Gold Congressional Medal and later 400 recruits with the silver medal.

New Forum members are welcome. On Thursday, March 12 the speaker, Mr Terry Ewington, will be talking about the National Coastwatch Institution.

PMW

Silent auction raised £500

THE Vicar and parishioners of St Curig's Church, Porthkerry, have expressed thanks to local residents who supported their silent auction evening which raised £500 towards the cost of repairing the church organ.

"The success of the evening was also due to the hard work undertaken by Mrs Barbara Gay and Mrs Rachel Oxley Green in gathering auction items and organising the auction on the evening.

"The evening concluded in a humorous manner with Graham Loveluck Edwards informing participants who had been successful with their bids," a spokeswoman reported.

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'Educating, nurturing and supporting disadvantaged young children' Inspirational Vale charity and Welsh artists combine in Cardiff fundraiser

THE Vale charity 'World at Play' is hosting an auction featuring original works by acclaimed Welsh artists to raise funds for its inspirational trips to eastern Europe.

The event is to take place in Cardiff at The Kooywood Gallery on Friday, March 20.

The charity was founded by former Cowbridge pupil Mike Emery after he saw how outdoor activities and play could transform the lives of youngsters who arrived at Atlantic College during the summer holidays.

Michael explained: "During my university years, I used to come back to Atlantic College every summer and help with all types of children, some local, some from further afield, and they used to do activities like swimming, canoeing, and orienteering. "I learnt if you are to educate, nurture and support children, sport and play is a tremendous way to help. "When I started

by TIM CHAPMAN



Michael Emery, the founder of the Vale charity World at Play.

World at Play the idea was to target children who don't have the same opportunities as those in Wales.

"In 2003, I came home to Wales and set up the charity - I was fortunate to have support from my family and friends - my father Peter said: 'If you do it, we will support you'."

World at Play has brought joy to thousands of disadvantaged youngsters in eastern Europe over the years.

Andy De Quidt, one of Michael's friends from London, was testimony to the charity's power for good.

Michael explained: "In 2006, I passed over the charity to Andy to run. He sadly died of cancer in the summer of 2009.

"In a letter to his church in Kingston-upon-Thames before he died, he said World at Play was incredibly important to him and the highlight of his life. He said it had to continue."

OPPORTUNITIES

World at Play teams number around 10 people, travel for three months and spend a full week living and working at each destination they visit.

Members offer 'respite sport and play' to children and adults - orphans, street children, Romany communities, deaf and blind children, and youngsters with

mental or physical disabilities.

Peter Emery, the chairman of the charity, said the cause now has a dual purpose - supporting children abroad and providing opportunities for Welsh young people to develop through taking part in expeditions.

He said: "Last year the World at Play model was amended. The team was selected from a list of Welsh based applicants some of whom would be considered young people at risk within their own communities.

"This year and following years, it is hoped that at least one and ideally two expeditions will leave south Wales for eastern Europe.

"Our own Welsh people will embark upon a life-changing challenge, returning to their communities with a different, positive outlook on their own futures in Wales."

LOCAL SCHOOLS

A team is due to leave the Vale next in September, but before they leave they will visit 10 local schools to explain to pupils what their plans are - the youngsters will then be able to follow the expedition thanks to on-line updates.

Funding is vital - and it is hoped the auction of top Welsh art will provide a huge boost.

There will be approximately 50 original works of art. Many of Wales' foremost artists have contributed to the evening, including Gwilym Prichard, Claudia Williams, Wynne Jenkins, Kevin Sinott, Dan Llwllyn Hall, Mike Jones, Geraldus John and David Knight.

Peter said: "We are very grateful that Rhian and Neil at The Kooywood Gallery have offered the venue to World at Play free of charge."

To watch an inspirational film which shows how volunteering for World at Play changed Morgan Rogers' life, go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RPKJV4u1Q.

The auction is on Friday, March 20 (6.30pm for 7pm) at The Kooywood Gallery, 8 Museum Place, Cardiff, CF10 3BG (just 100 metres from the National Museum of Wales). Complimentary glass of wine at 6.30pm! Auction starts 7pm.

ENGINEER'S ELITE AWARD



Emma McGivern is presented with her fellowship certificate by ICE president, Professor David Balmforth, at a special ceremony held at ICE's headquarters in Westminster, London.

RHOOSE engineer Emma McGivern has been awarded fellowship of the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), which represents the 80,000 civil engineers across the world who design, build and maintain transport, water, energy, waste and flood infrastructure.

She was presented with her fellowship certificate by ICE president, Professor David Balmforth, at a special ceremony in ICE's headquarters in Westminster, London. ICE Wales Cymru regional director, Keith

Jones commented, "Gaining an ICE Fellowship is an exceptional achievement and I warmly congratulate Emma on joining an elite group of civil engineers.

"This highly-respected accolade recognises a significant contribution to the civil engineering profession and seniority in the industry."

Emma, an undergraduate programme leader in civil engineering at the University of South Wales, said: "I discovered civil engineering while temping during my school holidays and thought it would be a really interesting career."

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WHAT'S ON, AND WHERE?

Shadows club

ON March 10 at Penarth Conservative Club, Stanwell Road (029 2030 9979), the South Wales Shadows Club meeting at 8 pm; all are welcome.

Charity coffee

ALL Saints' Church, Barry, Mothers' Union will hold a coffee morning in the church hall, Park Road, Barry on Saturday, March 14 at 10.30am.

Stalls include a seasonal spring stall, cake and quality gifts and there will be a raffle. Admission 50p; proceeds go to Mothers' Union charities and all are welcome.

Mayor's coffee

THE Mayor's charity coffee morning will be held in aid of ValePlus in the Corporate Suite, Civic Office, Barry, on Tuesday, March 17 (10.30am-12pm).

Tickets £1.50, includes a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit, obtainable at

Nova, High Street, Barry.

Railway Children

THE Railway Children is being staged at the Paget Rooms by the Penarth Operatic and Dramatic Society from March 25-28.

Tickets available on 02920 712260, or email ticketssecretary@pods-penarth.org, or call from Tenovus Shop, Windsor Road, Penarth.

Speaker cuts to the chase!

TREVOR MARRIOTT, a retired murder squad detective who investigated and solved many crime mysteries in the course of his career, will be talking at Barry Memorial Theatre on March 26.

He will dispel previously accepted facts surrounding well-known myths and mysteries.

marrriott@btinternet.com.

All aboard HMS Pinafore at Penarth!



'3G PITCH AT COLCOT WOULD PAY DIVIDENDS' – says GEM reader

FIND myself needing to write with reference to the Vale Council exploring the suggestion that Jenner Park in Barry would benefit from a 3G pitch.

It has been suggested that upgrading the already excellent pitch at Jenner Park to a 3G pitch would benefit the whole community – and I have to say that I disagree with this.

Last weekend, Vale of Glamorgan League mini-football (under-7s to under-12s) was cancelled yet again, because of the state of the pitches due to the weather.

That means that 1,500 young players from all

across the Vale who train every week, once again missed playing their matches.

During the winter months this is, sadly, a regular occurrence.

If the Barry Sports centre pitches at the Colcot were to be upgraded to 3G, this would not happen, yet the council seems to be determined to put the money into Jenner Park.

If this were to happen, it would benefit the few rather than the many.

It would not be available for all mini football and would also stop Jenner Park being used by clubs such as the Barry and Vale Harriers Athletic, who have been using Jenner Park longer than Barry Town!

By allowing young

people to practice sports, such as football, the youngsters have an opportunity to learn football skills, keep fit, practice teamwork and social skills, interact on many levels and, yes, have fun!

I noticed Alun Cairns' column in The GEM was dedicated almost exclusively to this

subject last week. I would urge the Vale Council to see this as an opportunity to work with the volunteer coaches and organisers of the Vale of Glamorgan Mini-Football League and be pro-active in providing facilities that are fit for purpose – in order to promote the fitness and well-being of

the young people of the Vale, no matter what their chosen sporting discipline.

Upgrading the pitches the Colcot to 3G is not a speculation, it is an investment in the youth of the Vale of Glamorgan that will pay immediate dividends.

Spencer Locker, Boverton.

Rambling through a winter wonderland...

ARRIVING at Pontsticill in lovely sunshine, ten walkers from Penarth and District Ramblers who joined leader Barrie for a forest and mountain trek were transported into a winter wonderland

as overnight snow had dusted the hillsides, which contrasted stunningly with the blue sky.

A whole valley that contained farms, houses and churches was flooded to create the reservoir and crossing the dam before tramping along the road and into part of the Taf Fechan Forest, they discovered huge areas of conifers have been razed to the ground during deforestation.

Snow covered pathways and a bridge above the western side of the reservoir led them straight into a fleeting but heavy snow shower which blotted out views, and exiting onto the road a stop followed for refreshment beside the bridge between the Pontsticill and Pentwyn reservoirs in warm sunshine, before more mist and snow hurtled towards them from the direction of the central Beacons.

Passing the outdoor pursuit centre at Dolygaer and climbing through Cwm Callan, parts of the pretty tree-lined rough path had been ravaged into a muddy bog by heavy equipment and great swathes of the surrounding forest had been chopped down, so it was a relief to exit onto open moorland.

The views opened out as they crossed the snow-covered tumpy moorland of Bryniau Gleision and at the end of the ridge they were rewarded with breathtaking views of the Dyffryn Cwannon Valley, Talybont

reservoir, the Brecon Beacons and snow-capped Black Mountains away in the distance.

After turning south and seeking out shelter for a rather brief lunch stop which was interrupted by more snow, they headed along pathways in the valley below Cefn yr Ystrad to a medieval monolith where the 1.3m high stone bears the inscription MAQI DECEDA in the Ogham script.

As they tramped through areas of shake holes and grazing sheep, the passing snow showers and low mist were visible to the north, east and west whilst they remained in sunshine and descended through steep muddy fields towards a railway tunnel, over which passes the Brecon Mountain Railway line and finally reaching the road they made their way back to their start.

On March 7, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an eight-mile moderate walk taking in Mynydd Illtud and Cefn Llechid; contact Liz on 029 2051 3698.

On March 10 meet at 9am at Cogan for an eight-mile moderate walk around Tretower and Cwmdu; contact William on 01446 747239.

To follow the group log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam, on 029 2025 5102.

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The role of Minor Authority Representative is a voluntary, four year position and the successful candidate would be expected to attend regular meetings and report back to the Council on those meetings.

For further information or if you are interested in applying please contact Mr Cliff Lewis, Town Clerk on 01446 704920 or email: info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk for an application form.



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Rotary's Welsh breakfast for St David's Day

MEMBERS of the Rotary Club of Barry and their guests, celebrated St David's Day 'ahead of time' with a St David's Day breakfast in St Andrew's Golf Club, Barry – on Friday (February 27).

The sun shone brilliantly as president Robin Pitcher welcomed everyone, thanking them all for their support so early in the morning!

After an excellent cooked Welsh breakfast prepared by St Andrew's Golf Club chef, Gareth and his staff, Robin surprised Rotarian Philip Hunt by presenting him with a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his service to the club over 22 years.

This included two spells as president, getting the club to support the Barry Foodbank, providing supplies on behalf of Rotary every month, and handling the production of a wheelchair ramp for Riding for the Disabled (financed from previous fundraising).

Phil has also represented the club at the district level – south Wales – for several years as youth services officer.

The president then



introduced guest speaker Rob Thomas, director of development services at the Vale Council, who spoke about the wide range of projects under way to improve the area, and more specifically Barry.

This included the Waterfront, Barry Island, and projects to improve access to Cardiff airport and town. Afterwards, he answered a wide

range of questions and was warmly applauded for his talk.

The event and the raffle raised £300 for Rotary-supported charity work.

The Rotary Club of Barry meets weekly in the Glenbrook Inn on Thursdays at 6.30pm. For further information, contact secretary Phil Hunt, on 01446 720000. **RB**

NOMINATE A LOCAL HERO OR GROUP TO OPEN NEW STORE

THE new Asda Barry has launched a search to find the town's local hero – to help officially open its new store.

Opening at 10am on Monday, April 13, the deserving winner or group will receive a VIP welcome from store colleagues before they take centre stage to cut the ribbon, declaring the store open. They will also be given a £100 gift card to treat themselves further.

Heroes can be nominated by family, friends or work colleagues and could be a person or a group who help to make life better for people in the Barry area, who goes that extra mile for a particular cause or person, or, an individual renowned for their local charity work.

Nominations are being accepted up to Friday, March 27 and can be sent via email to asdabarryhero@havasww.com, or in writing to: Asda Barry Hero, 3rd

PROMOTION

floor, 52 Princess Street, Manchester, M1 6JX.

Store manager, Richard Jenkins, said: "We're really proud and excited to be opening our new store in Barry in April. We have a fantastic team of colleagues ready and waiting to offer our customers first class service!"

"We want to play our part in the local community and our community life champion, Lynette Griffin, will work with groups and organisations in Barry to help make this happen."

"We're inviting a local hero – be that an individual or group – to open our store to celebrate their fantastic achievements and hard work."

The store will incorporate products from its pizza and fish counters, as well as

Asda's popular own label brand, Chosen By You, and a café.

A George department, stocking the clothing brand's latest collection will appeal to the fashion-savvy shopper and an optician will allow customers to combine their weekly shopping with their optical needs.

Asda Barry is also demonstrating its commitment to driving down the price of fuel for local people with the inclusion of a petrol forecourt.

The much-anticipated store is central to The Quays scheme which overall includes other retail outlets, a new English language school and a direct road linking Barry and Barry Island.

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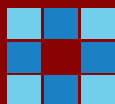
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School savings club praised by minister

COMMUNITIES and Tackling Poverty Minister, Lesley Griffiths AM, has praised an innovative savings club for pupils at Cadoxton Primary School, Barry.

Run by Cardiff & Vale Credit Union, the school club enables pupils to save small amounts of money on a weekly basis, developing positive financial habits which will put them in good stead for the future.

Cardiff & Vale Credit Union has links with 18 schools in the area. The club at Cadoxton Primary is run by teaching assistant, Rowena Hughes, and more than 65 pupils are now members.

The Minister said: "It was good to see Cadoxton Primary school's junior savers' club in action. I would like to congratulate both the school and Cardiff & Vale Credit Union on the success of the scheme. It is a fantastic model, which I'd like to see rolled out across many more schools throughout Wales."

"The club helps pupils to develop strong money management skills which will hopefully have a positive impact on them throughout their lives. I was also pleased to hear how the pupils are influencing their parents, encouraging them to save and use ethical financial services too."

Chrissi Williams, Cardiff and the Vale Credit Union, said: "We are delighted with the success of the school savers' club in Cadoxton – the children have collectively saved over £2,000 since the club was launched, with children saving for a range of things such as holidays, presents for parents and computer games. They can save as little or as much as they can afford."

Rowena Hughes said: "I believe it is so important to encourage children to save from an early age. Saving a little every week helps children develop positive financial habits and helps relieve some of the financial pressures on parents."

"I'm very pleased that the club continues to grow, with more pupils joining on an almost weekly basis."

Vale MP chooses his marathon charities



Bethan Smith (granddaughter),
Champ the dog, Alun Cairns, Karen
Jones (PDSA vet) and Gail Smith.

MP Alun Cairns is training for the 2015 London Marathon on April 26 hoping to raise money for the Holton Road Barry branch of the pet charity PDSA and Macmillan Cancer Support.

In Barry, the PDSA will benefit from the fundraising, after Mr Cairns met resident Gail Smith and her dog Champ, who receives regular support for chronic diabetes.

She said: "I am really pleased that my Mr Cairns will be running the marathon in aid of the PDSA. The charity has helped my family and Champ so much, and I am so grateful for the work they do. I will be supporting Alun in April, and hope he finishes as the fastest MP again."

Mr Cairns commented: "I am very excited to be running the marathon again this year, and the money I raise will go towards providing care for pets across Barry and the rest of the Vale for those who cannot access the veterinary system and much needed cancer support for MacMillan."

"It is no less daunting this year joining 30,000 other runners, but I am determined to do my best and raise as much money as I can for the two good causes."

To sponsor Mr Cairns and support the PDSA and Macmillan Cancer Support, log onto <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AlunCairnsMP>.

Football coaches challenge council's spending plan

OVER 100 coaches from across the Vale met recently to discuss the future of mini football.

The Vale Council has conducted a feasibility study to determine whether £500,000 allocated for spending on sports should be given to Barry Town United to build an all-weather '3G' pitch at Jenner Park.

It has been suggested that these facilities would benefit the community, but with the club's plans for a new academy in addition to the current demands on Jenner Park, some local coaches believe there would be no time for any extra community use of the pitches.

For this reason, organisers of the Vale of Glamorgan Football League minis section have appealed to the Vale Council to think again about where to spend the money.

Mini football brings together children of all abilities between the age of seven and 12 to play weekly football. But due to adverse weather conditions, nine weeks of football

had to be cancelled over the winter. And coaches say it is a similar story most winters.

The organisers of the league are urging councillors and cabinet members to oppose the plan to spend the money at Jenner Park.

Instead, they suggest that the council look at using the money to build 3G facilities at Colcot Sports Centre. At a meeting last week, the coaches co-signed a letter which they were due to send to all Vale councillors.

They claim the facility at Colcot Sports Centre would be used by the whole community and would benefit children of all abilities from all parts of the Vale. Their view is it would also be cheaper to maintain, because Barry Town United would require more frequent relaying of the pitch to comply with FIFA standards.

Wes Drew, one of the organisers, said: "The amount of coaches at our meeting shows how much disillusionment there is with the idea of spending this money on one

club at Jenner Park.

"Minis coaches volunteer their time to get these kids playing sport, but they need a bit of help from the council on this one. We have over 1,200 kids playing every week in the Vale, but we can't sustain – or grow – these numbers without the facilities."

Lee Saunders, another of the organisers, said: "Children from all backgrounds and abilities play football every week – boys and girls. Politicians of all colours talk all the time about needing to increase participation in sport, but it's people on the ground who put the graft in."

"We've heard some of them say they haven't heard any objection to the Jenner Park plan. Well here it is – over 100 coaches' signatures!"

The organisers have the petition online to gauge public support, <http://bit.ly/Vale3G> (by yesterday 1,114 people had signed it).

The coaches were hoping to meet councillors on March 6.

CLUB IS FINDING SOMETHING SPECIAL IN STREET SCENES...



Parasol Reflections (Teresa Baker).



Out!
(Mike Davies).

STREET photography is a unique and challenging form of photography that aims to tell an entire story in a single image.

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This month the Vale Photographic Club was

Vale Photographic Club News

treated to one of the best – Dave Mason, a London-based photographer, who takes great pleasure in finding 'the extraordinary in the ordinary'.

It was quite revealing to see and hear his personal take on everyday scenes, scenes that the majority of us would walk past without noticing, but when drawn to our attention by Dave, provided an often poignant, often disturbing, often humorous and frequently humbling look at our society.

A thought-provoking and thoroughly enjoyable night.

Special mention this month also needs to go to Robin Dring – Robin is a lecturer in photography who, following a last minute cancellation of our scheduled judge, stepped in to save the day. Despite confessing that he'd never judged a competition before, he came up trumps.

Knowing he lives locally (and therefore likely to bump into us in the street!) may have had some influence over his scoring, but either way, he was superb, providing constructive, insightful and passionate commentary on our photographs. Thank you

Robin.

Highlights for the month ahead include: March 13, a practical session – a great opportunity to bring your camera and learn from more experienced photographers; March 27, a talk from Jan Cawley – an experienced judge and president of the Welsh Photographic Federation; and not forgetting our annual exhibition at Old Hall, Cowbridge, which continues until March 26 – everyone is welcome. For further information on the club, which is open to ages 16 and over (16 – 18 year-olds must be accompanied by an adult), visit www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk, or simply turn up to a club evening; meet every Friday from September to July at 7:15pm in the Ystradowen village hall. Whether you're looking to develop your skills as a serious photographer, just starting out with a new camera, or simply looking to take better photographs of the kids, you'll be most welcome. AC

Cowbridge Country Market returns

COWBRIDGE Country Market reopens on Friday March 6 at 9.30am in The Lesser Hall.

There will be the usual homemade produce on sale and will also be a celebration of National Marmalade Week with all the new season's marmalades. Everyone welcome.

LENT LUNCHES

EVERYONE is welcome at the Lent lunches, which will be held in the church hall of All Saints' Church, Park Road, Barry on March 5, 12 and 19 from 12pm to 1.30pm and will include soup, crusty bread and a selection of cheeses. Tea or coffee and a free raffle ticket will also be included for £5.

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PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF FACILITATING A NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT THE FORMER YSGOL MAES DYFAN SCHOOL SITE

Land at Ysgol Maes Dyfan, Barry.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council intends to dispose of a strip of land which forms part of the site of the former Ysgol Maes Dyfan, Barry. This narrow strip of land is part of the school site the Council is disposing for a residential development (subject to planning permission). The narrow strip comprises a grass bank admeasuring approximately 402 m² and is located between an existing fence that secured the former school and the adjoining parks land.

The adjoining park land will remain as public open space.

A plan indicating the location of the land can be inspected at the reception desk of the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU.

Objections to the intended disposal must be made in writing and addressed to: The Director of Resources, The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU by no later than 19th March 2015.

Dated this 5th day of March 2015.

Managing Director

'The Wales We Want': your views will shape pioneering legislation

IT was good to see the headlines earlier this week reporting on the views and opinions of people across Wales who have taken part in a year-long conversation to help identify 'The Wales We Want'.

These views will also help inform the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales Bill) which is currently being debated in the National Assembly.

People were asked what they wanted to leave behind for their children and grandchildren, and to consider the challenges and aspirations in order to create the Wales they want by 2050.

This will help shape the goals of this pioneering new legislation and the results reported this week were both imaginative and inspiring. The results were welcomed by Welsh actor Michael Sheen, who helped to launch the conversation a year ago as Unicef Ambassador.

He is increasingly an influential champion and ambassador for Wales – as we saw from his role in the NHS Tredegar march on St David's Day.

The feedback from children and young people was particularly valuable in responding to our goal that: *children need to be given the best start in life from very early years.* With the insight that children and young

people so often have, the viewpoint from one participant was very clear: *"I want a Wales where everyone gets the chance to be the best they can."*

There were recurring themes about the need to focus our resources on investing in the early years and prevention – these views support our approach in Welsh Government to setting budgets and identifying priorities.

There was a strong sense of *'belonging to local communities'* emerging from the discussions and a need to tackle loneliness and isolation, but care for the environment also featured strongly in the conversation:

"I want a Wales where everyone cares about our planet."

The report says that

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by
Jane Hutt
AM (Minister for Finance)

many conversations took place following the severe weather events of 2014 so the impacts of a changing global climate highlighted climate change and the environment as the main area of concern but investing in more localised economies was also a priority:

"We need to sustain local jobs in the area that pay living wages and help to grow the local economy."

The strength of feeling about tackling inequality was clear – with a recognition of the needs of carers *'who are often the closest female relative'* and the needs of disabled children to be treated more fairly.

There were strong messages for us in Government about our responsibilities and roles with the viewpoint: *"We don't want services to be shaped around us, but with us."*

"Talking about 'The Wales We Want' makes me a by-stander, I want to talk about the Wales I want to help create."

Peter Davies, the Commissioner for

Sustainable Futures who brought this report together, concludes that this is not a 'one-off exercise' but the beginning of a process.

I urge everyone to read the report and continue the conversation on the Wales We Want www.thewaleswewant.co.uk The report points the way forward for us in the Welsh Government, as we take on new powers and responsibilities.

We have been clearly informed that the Welsh public wants a strong say in how we take greater control of our own affairs in Wales, and how the people of Wales can play their part in making it work for our people, businesses and communities, now and in the future.

TWO VARIED WALKS HAD A POIGNANT THEME...



Brenda Youde: a moment of reflection.
(Photograph by Ruth Curle)

ON St David's Day, members of the Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers had a choice of two walks; one was a shorter walk in the Vale of Glamorgan, starting from Colwinston, and the other was a longer walk in the Brecon Beacons.

Two very different walks – and the weather that was encountered by the two groups was very different also. The walkers in the Vale were bathed in sunshine, while the walkers who were in the Beacons were encountering hail storms, and gusts of wind up to 80 miles per hour.

The difficulty was sometimes standing up and walking into the wind was quite difficult.

It was with great sadness we learnt this week that one of our

members, Kathy Phillips, had passed away. Kathy, and her late husband, Phil, had been long-serving members of the group, and held various posts on the committee. The legacy that they created continues to go from strength-to-strength.

There was a moment of remembrance on both walks for Kathy. We would like to thank Brenda Youde for leading the Vale walk, as for many years Brenda and Kathy had led walks together.

In memory of Kathy, daffodils were laid at the baptism pool near Colwinston, while the Brecon Beacons walkers held a minute's silence.

For further information, visit our website www.valeofglamorganramblers.sco.uk or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

GWENDA FITZPATRICK

Window cleaner is jailed for 10 years at court

A WINDOW cleaner has been jailed for 10 years at Cardiff Crown Court for carrying out a "despicable crime" involving tying up an 88-year-old woman and robbing her in her home.

After retiring for six hours, a jury at Cardiff Crown Court found Gavin Tainton (33) of Mynydd Glas, Nantylfyllon, guilty of robbery by a majority verdict of 11 to one.

Tainton, said his counsel Christopher Rees, continues to dispute his guilt. When the jury reached their verdict, Tainton

CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

shouted abuse at them and as he was led from the dock, he shouted abuse at the officers in the case.

Recorder Robert Britton told him: "This was a most despicable crime. You went into her home when she was getting ready to go to bed. She was living alone and was a vulnerable person."

"You tied her up and banged her head on the floor a number of times. She weighed

barely seven stone and was 5'2" tall, and you even tied her up with electric cable."

He said the experience would be with her for the remaining days of her life.

The Recorder said: "You showed her no mercy and you fought the case and made her go through the ordeal of giving evidence. This deserves severe punishment."

The victim said she was left for dead after the defendant walked into her home demanding money.

She told the jury: "My heart was thumping and I said to him, 'I think I'm having a heart attack'. I saw blood coming from my leg and he showed me no mercy."

The jury heard that she was left with two broken bones in her hand.

Tainton claimed he was not responsible and he had been to the house before to clean her windows and as a result, left a fingerprint on a light switch.

Tainton claimed he was in Porthcawl on the day of the robbery.

Diabetes talk
THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK voluntary group will meet on March 17 in the board room, at the Llandough Hospital, Penarth, from 7.30pm-9pm, when Dr Julia Platts, will speak on 'National plans to improve diabetes'. All are welcome to attend.

AMELIA TRUST FARM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

THE Amelia Trust Farm charity, a working farm set in 160 acres of countryside in the Vale, is looking for volunteers to help run the farm café.

A spokeswoman said: "The main aim of the farm café is to raise much needed funds to plough back into the work that the farm does with vulnerable and disadvantaged young people."

"The coming months will see exciting new developments in the café, including the

installation of a coffee machine, an improved farm shop offering produce from the farm CF62 3AS, can be and local area, and a new menu for members of the public.

Conservation call
WHITE FARM Conservation Group is seeking more volunteers to help plant fruit trees in White Farm Park adjacent to Whitwell Road, Colcot.

Supported by Keep Wales Tidy and Tesco, this will help the park become a beacon for wildlife in the heart of Barry.

The new fruit trees will help bees and butterflies, while providing free fruit in the autumn. Schools near the park can also have fruit trees planted to help pollinators.

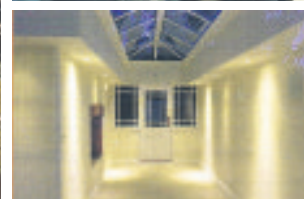
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MP on attack over council tax increase

AS The GEM went to press last night, all the signs were that the Vale Council was going to pass a 3.9 per cent rise in council tax, writes PHILIP IRWIN.

The matter was due to be voted on at a meeting

of the full Vale Council, starting at 6pm yesterday (Wednesday).

The proposal, and its likely acceptance, has infuriated Vale MP Alun Cairns who described it as "astonishing", adding that the increase is eight times the Bank of England rate of inflation (0.5 per cent in

December 2014).

Mr Cairns had previously called on the authority to freeze council tax. He said the council should have argued the case for a fairer funding settlement from the Welsh Government more aggressively.

Mr Cairns said: "I am

alarmed that the local authority has raised council tax again this year, on top of the punishing increases in the last couple of years.

"Local residents will quite rightly be wondering when will these increases end? We have had major rises since 2012, and now a 3.9 per cent this year."

The Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, pointed out: "At 3.9 per cent, the proposed council tax increase for the Vale for 2015/16, is one of the lowest of the 22 Welsh unitary authorities.

"As council tax equates to approximately only one quarter of the council's net expenditure, it represents less than a one per cent increase overall, at a time when the main source of the council's funding from Welsh Government continues to reduce, with a cut for next year of 3.5 per cent, equivalent to £5.5 million.

"However, to reduce the potential impact on the Vale Council tax payer, council services have been tasked with achieving savings of over £6.8 million next year, and an estimated £24.7 million over the next three years. The proposed budget for 2015/16 will also be

supplemented by the use of £2.5 million of general reserves.

"It should be noted that, unlike in England, no funding has ever been allocated to Welsh councils to instigate any form of council tax 'freeze'.

"In the circumstances, therefore, the proposed increase in council tax in the Vale is viewed as being a reasonable balance between the financial pressures on council services, in particular education and adult social care, and the financial pressures on our council tax payers.

"The Vale Council will continue to lobby Welsh Government, both directly and through the auspices of bodies such as the Welsh Local Government Association, to achieve a fairer funding settlement for Welsh local authorities generally and the Vale in particular."

Alun Cairns added: "I have campaigned for many years for a fairer funding settlement for the Vale and I invite people again to sign up to my campaign.

"I am frustrated that residents living in the Vale have been hit again when many councils across Britain have frozen bills for several years."

College sets year-10 school pupils an aeronautical puzzle

Students taking part in last year's Aeronautical Challenge.



TO mark National Engineering Week, Cardiff & Vale College (CAVC) is holding special competitions for year-10 pupils, and high schools are invited to put forward teams of six pupils for activities that will test mental agility, quick thinking and problem-solving – key skills for a career in aircraft maintenance.

The construction challenge, to be held over three days from March 20–24, will take place in the college's International Centre for Aerospace Training (ICAT) based at Cardiff Airport.

Last year's challenge was won by Radyr Comprehensive, with Llantwit Major Comprehensive a close second.

Nine-member year-10 teams are invited to put forward a project manager, brickwork, carpentry, wall and floor tiling and plumbing contractors to design and

build within a 2.5m square plot.

Winners will be chosen by the college's specialist aerospace engineering and construction lecturers.

Contact CAVC student recruitment officer Joanne Gower via jgower@cavc.ac.uk or 07549 606972..

Free advice for elderly

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding a free legal advice session at The Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, March 10 (10am to 12 midday).

If you are over 50 and worried about a legal matter other than criminal law, just come along and have a chat to a local legal team based in Barry.

This service is run monthly on a Tuesday, no appointment is needed.

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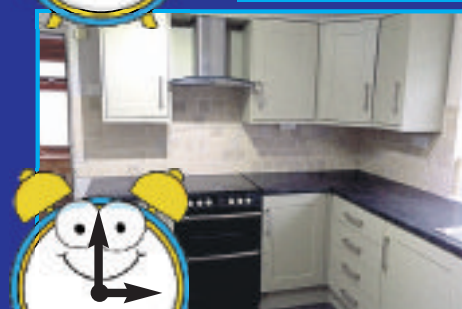
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TV presenter is 'proud' of response to charity appeal

TV presenter Llinos Lee from Barry was among those who took to the streets of Cardiff on St David's Day, to help collect funds for the Marie Curie Great Daffodil.

Llinos, who is known for her work on Welsh language shows such as Heno and Dal Ati: Bore Da, has a strong connection to Marie Curie as the charity's nurses cared for a number of her friends and family.

Llinos signed up for a Great Daffodil Appeal street collection to help fund the charity's work supporting people living with a terminal illness, and their loved ones, across Wales.

She explained: "Marie Curie is a charity that is close to my heart. My best friend's mum sadly died of cancer and my friend was her sole carer. Marie Curie offered her respite care at the Cardiff & The Vale hospice in Penarth, which was just amazing. Another family friend was also cared for at the hospice.

"Just before Christmas my father's brother was cared for at the hospice



and he had the most amazing care. The staff there are fantastic. It's not just the focus on the patients, but also the support they provide for the families, too. They help you to come to terms with everything.

"I have never felt so proud to be Welsh as I did yesterday! There was a fantastic atmosphere in the city centre, thousands of people lined the streets to watch the parade and to celebrate St David's Day.

"I was so pleased to return a full tin of money to the organisers at the end of the day and was touched by the generosity of the people of Cardiff. I had a great time and I am already looking forward to next year's appeal."

To sign up as a Great Daffodil Appeal volunteer visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil.

LAST year, 25 local people volunteered to become the first Vale of Glamorgan Ambassadors and underwent training ranging from the history of the region to myths and legends, traditions and music to natural history, geology, event management and social media.

In November, they graduated to become fully fledged Vale of Glamorgan Ambassadors, now ready to meet and greet our visitors, write blogs, inform visitors about their area during their stay, and help out at some of the regions' great events.

Some are retired volunteers, others just have a little time on their hands and wanted to deepen their knowledge of this interesting area; and others run tourism businesses of their own.

A second round of training is about to begin, and so the call is out for others who might be interested in training up. It's completely free and involves a commitment of two days in total.

One day will be in a workshop setting learning all about the



Vale, the other an excursion day, which is a great day out and about in the Vale visiting places you may never have known existed, and other gems.

Then, you can then decide what kind of ambassadorial activities you feel most drawn to. Certainly those who've already been trained up had a great time learning about this area, finding out things they never knew and becoming great friends in the process.

If you think you could give some time, or that your business would benefit from you knowing more about this area, contact Tracy

James-Lieberman at Vale of Glamorgan Tourism Association on 07773 804470 or info@lovethevale.com.

Training dates to choose from for this next round of training include March 11 in Penarth. Ambassador Excursions are arranged for March 17 and 25.

An additional training day for events, social media and blogging will take place at Old Hall Community College in Cowbridge on March 20.

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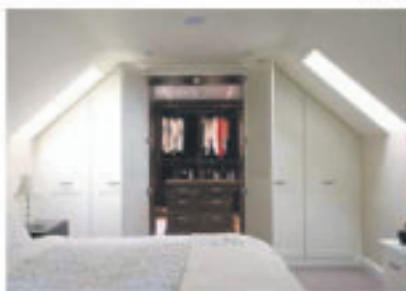
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Smith film is glossy, but it's lacking Focus and substance...

IT hasn't been a good few years for Will Smith. Having been the king of the box office, the actor's four-year break after the mediocre *Seven Pounds* saw him return for the underwhelming *Men In Black 3*, before starring alongside his son Jayden in the widely-panned *After Earth*.

In need of some box office magic, Smith is no doubt pinning his hopes on his latest film, *Focus*, where he plays con-man Nicky, whose latest scheme gets thrown for a loop when his former girlfriend (and fellow con-artist) Jess (Margot Robbie) shows up on the scene – will she play nice or will her appearance have disastrous consequences for him?

Despite the fact that their behaviour is pretty reprehensible, the world of con-artists is usually mined for entertainment without care for the consequences of the actions of those involved. *Focus* isn't a film that places moralising about the nature of working the con high on its list of priorities. Instead it's a glossy and slick caper movie that looks great, but when it comes to

offering something substantial, finds itself collapsing like a house of (rigged) cards.

It's the perfect vehicle for Will Smith to ease into after his recent disappointments – there is very little demand on the actor.

Instead, charisma, charm and a soupçon of darkness and weakness underneath the bluster is the order of the day and, Smith does a decent fist of this, his con-man finding his head spun by love rather than a need to atone for the mistakes of the past – but he doesn't dig under the character.

There are opportunities to show the darker side of the character, but even these are undercut with a knowing wink that ultimately it was all part of the plan, which takes away the drama and vastly reduces the stakes.

That's the main problem of the script, which comes from directing duo Glenn Ficarra and John Requa; any time you get close to something meaty and deeper, the rug gets pulled – the con may be on the characters falling victim to Smith and his gang, but it's also on the audience as well.

The occasional twist is fine, but when you spend the whole film

thinking that what you're seeing is simply an elaborate con, there is nowhere for the pair's script to go – you find yourself pre-empting the reveal rather than enjoying what's on the screen.

The film certainly looks the part, the pair having a good eye for visual detail and lensing the film in no little style, but it's the distinct lack of substance underneath that's most disappointing.

Obviously, the pair are not aiming to make a film that mopes around and ponders the meaning of what it's like to live the life, and run the risks, that these characters do, but you would expect and hope for more than you get here.

At least the performances engage to a degree, with Smith running his schtick, Margot Robbie (similarly an actress capable of a lot more) providing the glamour and a little heart, while scene stealer of the film goes to Adrian Martinez's Farhad, whose comic relief offers plenty of laughs.

However, *Focus* is a film that is wholly style, no substance – it's a diverting way to spend two hours, but expect depth and you'll be disappointed; wallow in

its glossy stylings and it might just pass muster.

VERDICT: A stylish, if ultimately lacklustre, affair, *Focus* looks great but dig beneath the surface and you won't find an awful lot there. The charisma of the performances hold up, and the film looks great and offers some semblance of entertainment, but there's nothing here to really dig your teeth into. *Average.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Ocean's Eleven* (2001), *Hitch* (2005).



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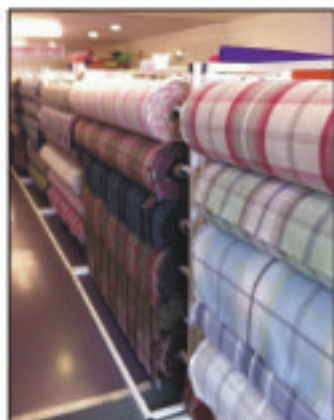
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Cowbridge talk

COWBRIDGE History Society's next lecture will be on Friday, March 6 at 7.30pm in the Lesser hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

Graham Phillimore will be speaking on Daniel Jones of Woodford and Beaupre. All welcome.

Valeways walks

ON Sunday, March 8 at 2.30pm, 'A Prehistoric Fort', starting at the car park behind the Fox and Hounds pub, Llancarfan.

On Tuesday, March 10 at 1.30pm, 'Three Islands', starting outside Sully Parish Church, Sully.

On Wednesday, March 11 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry.

Diamond weddings!

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Jeff Evans, would be keen to hear from married couples in Barry who will be celebrating their Diamond Anniversary.

Anyone celebrating this very special occasion can contact Barry Town Council Offices, so that arrangements can be made for the Mayor to make a personal visit to the couple.

If you require further details regarding the above please contact the Mayor's secretary, Julie Hurd on 01446 704921.

Religion in Penarth

ON March 12 at 7pm in the Parish Hall, Albert Road, Penarth a talk will be given by well-known local historian Alan Thorne on 'Religion in Penarth over the centuries'.

His presentation will use the widest dictionary definition of religion and will cover pagan Neolithic times up to the present day.

The talk will also cover Penarth's churches from Norman times; many later

churches were designed by Penarth architects such as H Budgen, EWM Corbett (Cogan Pill House), H Cornelius Harris and more. He also promises to touch on the Government's discussions in 1940 to demolish St Augustine's.

The Friends of St Augustine are organising this event. Entry on the door, £5 (full), £4 (Friends), to include refreshments.

Charcoal demo

TODAY, Thursday, March 5, Cowbridge Art Society president Jane Gagg will run a practical session on 'Rural habitations - looking at the work of Kyffin Williams and others who have used this genre', using charcoal with paints of choice.

On March 12, the society welcomes Penarth-born artist Andrew Coslett (see www.cozzart.co.uk) who will give a watercolour demonstration on New York's Central Park.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, 7pm - 9pm and visitors and new members are welcome. For details of activities, see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

CAB help Bridgend

THE Citizens' Advice Bureau is now holding fortnightly sessions at KPC in Pyle to give advice and help in dealing with debt, managing a budget and benefits entitlements.

To book a slot at the sessions, which run on Thursdays between 1pm - 3pm, call Alison on 01656 749219. The next sessions are March 5 and 19, and April 2 and 16. They will be held on the first and third Thursday of each month.

Coffee time

PORHTCAWL Museum is holding a St David's Day coffee morning at the Y Centre in John Street on Friday, March

6 at 10.30am, entry is £1.50 at the door; homemade Welsh cakes, raffle, tombola and a quiz.

Enfys craft fair

ENFYS Craft Fairs will be holding their next fair on Saturday, March 7, at the St Ffrancis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry between 10am and 4pm.

Two new crafters will exhibit their machine embroidery lace and vintage shabby chic pieces signs and décor.

Charity for the month is Velindre 'Chicks and Chocs'. Barbara knits yellow chicks which 'hatch' little chocolate Easter eggs. All money raised from the sale of these eggs goes to fund cancer research at Velindre Hospital Cardiff. At the February fair, £73 pounds was raised by the raffle, in addition to sales of jams and marmalade, for the Cooking for the Homeless charity.

Contact Beryl on 01446 418695, or Cyril on 01446 400149.

CHC meeting

CARDIFF & Vale Community Health Council will meet on March 9 at Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU at 6.30pm.

See website
www.communityhealthcouncil.org.uk/cardi
ffandvale.

History talk

THE next meeting of Dinas Powys Local History Society will be held on Tuesday, March 10 in Kynance Hall at 7.30pm.

It will include a talk by Phil Caradice entitled 'History Like the Teacher Never Taught You'. An administrative fee of £3 for non-members and £1.50 for members will be payable at the door and visitors are welcome. Enquiries to Betty Williams (02920 513524).

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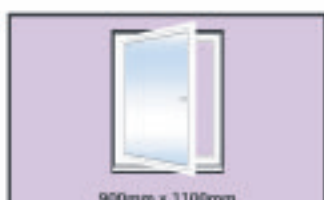
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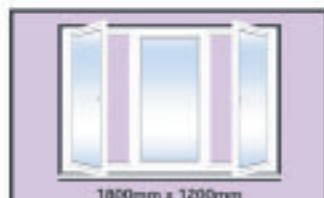
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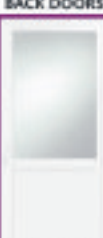
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● **£2,000:** 653626.
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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

Get in the red for the BHF charity!

WE wanted to thank all our readers who came on board to join British Heart Foundation (BHF) Cymru in February (National Heart Month).

During that time we asked people to 'Wear it. Beat it' to support us and raise money to continue to fund the vital research needed to fight heart disease. With one in four of our loved ones lost to heart and circulatory disease each year, every penny raised makes a huge difference to our lifesaving work.

Countless people right across Wales fundraised for us by wearing red and hosting a red-themed event to support us and we are hugely grateful for the funds raised so far, which will go towards supporting over 375,000 people in Wales currently living with heart and circulatory disease.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind those who got involved with 'Wear it. Beat it.' to pay in the money they raise and to also remind our readers that there is still time to get involved with 'Wear it. Beat it.', readers can simply text RED to 70060 to donate £3 for the BHF's lifesaving research.

For more information about 'Wear it. Beat it.' and to register for next year's event or donate please visit bhf.org.uk/red.

Catherine Campbell,
Volunteering and Fundraising Manager,
South East Wales, (BHF) Cymru.

Tennis quiz

THE Barry Athletic Tennis Club will hold a quiz on Saturday, March 21, at Barry Athletic Bowls Club at 8pm; cost £3 per person; non-members welcome.

In Business Update

Holiday Club

FUN FOUNDATIONS Day Nursery is now opening a holiday club for children aged between 5 - 11 years.

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The aim is that the holiday club will be open for the Easter holidays, with 13 places available. The fees are £22 per full day, which will include snacks and tea and the children to bring their own packed lunch.

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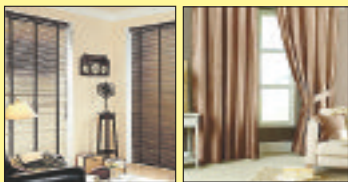
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Emmaus was founded in 1949. A worldwide movement, it offers an alternative to homelessness by providing people with a home, work and companionship to help them to regain their self-esteem.

The charity already has shops in Bridgend, Maesteg, Neath and Porthcawl. Later this year, it is opening a new Emmaus 'community'

for 23 people in a renovated former sheltered housing building in Bridgend.

"Now we can provide bargains for Cowbridge shoppers," said Emmaus south Wales director Tom Clarke, "which boosts our plans to help homeless people in south Wales back onto their feet."

Emmaus South Wales won the Bridgend Business Forum Award for the 'Social Enterprise of the Year 2014'.

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Lest we forget – 'The Arsenal' at Bridgend

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HERE are some more photographs of 'The Arsenal' at Bridgend for readers to inspect and see if you know anyone in them.

Both photographs were taken on October 20, 1943. One photograph was taken at the bus terminal outside the present South Wales Police headquarters building. The second was actually inside 'The Arsenal'.

In order to transport workers to and from their place of work within the Arsenal complex, special articulated buses were used. In this case, Trailer No3 was for workers from Abergwynfi and Ferndale.

The buses were run by the Ministry of Supply (this one No B 260, Registration No. GLU 813), and were a combination of a Ford Thames Tractor pulling a Scammell Trailer with Bodywork by Chas. H Roe Ltd, of Crossgates, Leeds.

Look out for more snippets of information and photographs of 'The Arsenal' in next week's GEM and please keep those responses coming!

Are you in any of the pictures? If so, contact Keith E Morgan, GEM photo-journalist, on 01656 788150 or e-mail keithemorgan@talktalk.net. He has already had some good responses – please keep them coming!

Teachers fear changes would be a 'band-aid solution'

Vale Council's 'disappointment' at school staff's stance on proposals

TEACHERS at a Barry school have serious reservations about the proposed £35m reorganisation of secondary education in the town.

Their concerns are articulated in a 'Bryn Hafren Comprehensive staff statement' which examines the initial consultation process, analyses the options for reorganisation and raises more specific issues.

The Vale Council has responded by saying it had carried out an initial consultation in 2013, has now come back with a detailed plan and can't understand why the staff have taken such a strong

stance before another round of consultation begins in May.

The Vale Council's proposed changes envisage two single-sex comprehensive schools merged into a single mixed school, while the Welsh school, Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, would be expanded to accommodate the increasing demand for Welsh-medium education.

If approved, the project would see the Vale Council invest around £18m in establishing the new 2,400 place mixed-sex school on the current site of Barry Comprehensive School, Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg.

More than £17m would then be spent on upgrading the current Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School site to provide for an expanded Ysgol Bro Morgannwg and Ysgol Nant Talwg.

The Bryn Hafren staff document argues the council's initial consultation process was "flawed" and "not considered representative". It points out there were 951 responses from a Barry population of 51,502 (1.9 per cent) – and refutes the council's claim it was "comprehensive and wideranging".

The teachers say: "No teacher is against co-education in principle. However, as professionals we feel it must be done for the right reasons and at a time that is best for the pupils."

The statement also said teachers had resented a suggestion that pupils on the Bryn Hafren site would suffer "low self-esteem".

The statement said: "The Vale Council's PowerPoint presentation to governors asserted this with no consultation whatsoever. Some staff are offended by this suggestion."

The staff statement goes on: "Coun Elmore has asserted that £49 million was spent on the new St Cyres building, and not the £78 million quote in the local press. Even so, the pupils of this new build had £44,000 per pupil invested their education. The pupils of the English-medium school in Barry will have a sixth of this sum invested in them."

"Under 'preferred' Option D, the English-medium pupils will have approximately £7,521

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each invested in their education. The Welsh-medium pupils will have £13,900 each. This is disproportionate and unfair spending."

The statement says: "It is felt that the pupils of Barry are being forced into a cobbled together and rushed 'transformation' of their education. It will take three and a half years of transition/disruption to the pupils of this town. Barry deserves better."

The teachers are concerned that the political climate may change because of a potential merger of the Vale Council with another authority, and wonder whether there could be change in funding.

"Current councillors and cabinet may not be in power by the proposed end date. Can they guarantee it will be completed?"

"The proposed merger with Cardiff Council looks more and more likely. How will this affect the merger? Will this new council share the same goals as the Vale of Glamorgan and will they deliver on the proposals?"

"Should anything be done before money is guaranteed in 2019, the schools would be in upheaval with a possibility of no major funding. What happens if money is not released in 2019?"

'PROUD OF SCHOOL'

The statements conclude: "The children of Barry deserve better than a 'band-aid' solution. If this town is to house a flagship English-medium school, then provide it with one."

"Do not scrimp and save and gain politically while unfortunate children are caught up in the maelstrom that will certainly ensue. If pupils' self-esteem is so important, and we think it is, they need to feel proud of their school."

"Moreover, they need to feel that their council is proud enough of them and that it will invest befittingly in their education and futures."

Consultation with parents, pupils and staff on the plan to invest £35m in secondary education in the Vale will begin on May 11.

Coun Chris Elmore, the cabinet member for schools, emphasised nothing had yet been agreed and views were still to be heard.

"In autumn 2013 we consulted and those who responded told us that they supported co-education for Barry and wanted the council to come back with a detailed plan for a second round of consultation. The production of this proposal is all that has been agreed to date."

"Following this, we set about developing a plan to introduce co-educational schooling for Barry."

"During the course of that work it became apparent that the merger of these two schools would also provide the opportunity to expand Ysgol Bro Morgannwg and allow the school to meet the increasing demand for Welsh medium education in the Vale – something that we as a local authority have a legal obligation to provide for."

"The plan that we have developed allows for a transformation of secondary education in Barry and will provide the town with first class English and Welsh medium schools. Consultation on this detailed plan will now commence in May."

"It is disappointing that staff at Bryn Hafren have taken such a strong stance against the proposal before we have even begun the consultation process."

"We have set out how we could deliver two new first class learning facilities for Barry. However, nothing has yet been agreed."

"It is our intention to talk to all those likely to be affected by any change, including staff, about how the plan could be refined to ensure the smoothest possible transition. If there is no support for change then we will have to consider maintaining the current set-up. Meetings with staff at Bryn Hafren have already taken place and we hope that this is the start of a productive, ongoing conversation."

"Our aim is to ensure that the highest standard of education possible is on offer to all pupils in the Vale. We hope that those working in education across Barry will work with us to give the town the schools that it deserves."

AWARENESS OF AUTISM

THE National Autism Society Cardiff and the Vale branch will hear a talk on Saturday, March 7 (10.30am – 1pm) at Ysgol y Deri Sully Road, Penarth, by Monique Post and Jonathan Hanna, entitled 'A practical approach to seeing autism in a different light'.

"A change seems to be underway in the understanding of autism. This gives the possibility of growth if we can connect with the child,

adolescent or adult and support their unique way of understanding the world," a spokesperson said.

Monique, who received a late diagnosis of autism, now runs her own business, giving lectures and workshops on autism.

Monique is originally from the Vale and now works for the Dutch government autism project, and is chair of two health boards.

Jonathan, who was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome at the age of 21, is passionate about raising autism awareness.

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LDP: questions that remain to be answered

MR Ed Lewis
(GEM
letters
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comments that "we have an LDP that drives development to rural villages" and describes this as a Labour Council policy.

It has to be said that the real creators of this policy for the rural villages were the previous Conservative council. Labour's 2012 Council election pledge to 'scrap the LDP' proved hollow, as its new LDP was little different in essentials.

The Conservatives are the political voice of the rural Vale, as they hold nearly all its council seats. For three years, it has been a remarkably quiet voice about Labour's LDP. Why? Things could have been very different.

The Welsh Government is party to a grave democratic deficit. Developers, exploiting planning loopholes, have launched a tide of pre-emptive planning applications for LDP allocated sites right across the Vale.

The Conservatives could have challenged the Welsh Government as to why it permits the denial of the right of communities to have their concerns on LDP development proposals to be properly considered by the quasi-judicial independent LDP inspector's inquiry.

The Welsh Government is forcing the Vale to be amalgamated with a Cardiff desperate for building land. Furthermore, the Welsh Government has just revised the land supply regulations which

potentially open the way for a new wave of windfall development applications across the Vale.

Are the Conservatives seriously telling their rural constituents that it is still in the interests of their villages that the existing protective settlement boundaries be removed?

Then we have the Llandow Newydd debate. The GEM has published many letters on this, yet the Conservatives have remained silent on the issue. Do they still oppose this site as an LDP one?

Recently the council voted on a motion to radically reduce the LDP housing total for the Vale based on population data. Plaid Cymru, UKIP and the Independents voted for the motion, but the Conservatives abstained.

Is it still their position that the best means of accommodating the excessive demands of the Welsh Government upon the Vale is to build as many houses as possible in the Barry area, as was suggested in a recent GEM letter from two Cowbridge Conservative councillors?

Shortly the Labour-dominated council will formally submit its LDP to the Welsh Government.

We won't know till then what amendments it will propose, but it has had far too easy a run for the last three years from a Conservative opposition, which still has answers to provide on very serious current development issues in the Vale.

Paul Jeremy,
Vale Villages Together Network.

WHO'S FOR FISH AND CHIPS..?

CONTINUING the "oasis of Englishness" debate, last week's GEM correspondent was completely missing the point; it was simply observing that such a reference could be considered racist in the political climate of modern-day Britain.

I am beginning to feel sorry for some monoglot English speakers who I imagine go to Spain on holiday and look for fish and chip shops, while complaining loudly that the country is full of Spaniards! What boring lives they must lead.

Ann Fisher,
Miskin.

Welcome to bilingual world of colour!

LET us call 'time' on those who disparage the Welsh language and its propagation.

They have the fox of Aesop's fable as their mascot, who swears that the grapes beyond its reach are sour.

English was my only language when I settled in Wales. I lived for a while deprived, and slightly envious of those

who spoke and sang Welsh.

My children gently drew me into their lively and stimulating bilingual world. The grapes now in my grasp are sweet and tasty, and poets daily make from them wine of many fine flavours.

I urge those without Welsh to acquire it; it's like finding a colour switch on your black and white television set! **Patrick Whelan, St Hilary.**

Readers' Letters

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'Welsh speakers almost certainly Nationalists'

WITH regard to the letter in The GEM from Ms Anne Usher (February 26) who asked,

'What use is the Welsh language?' I thought I might try to enlighten her with a few suggestions.

It's very useful in the unlikely event that you bump into someone else who can speak it, because this allows you to converse with them at the top of your voice (preferably in public) thus showing how clever you are, and at the same time, demonstrating your 'Welshness'.

It also confirms that as a Welsh speaker, you are almost certainly a Nationalist who votes for the minority protest group known as Plaid Cymru – the party of Wales.

It will guarantee that you go to the top of the recruitment list if you want to work for S4C, BBC Wales, any council, or other public body or charity, and not forgetting of course the best jobs club of them all – the WAG. It helps Nationalists to divide

people, and create the illusion that Welsh people are somehow different to any other British citizen of the UK – when, of course, there is no difference at all.

Any language that has to rely on a law to force it down the throats of the huge majority of the population who don't want it, is doomed. And so it should be.

Peter Reed, Barry.

FOOTNOTE: The GEM wishes to make it clear that while acknowledging the right to free speech, it does not necessarily share the above writer's controversial views.

'I envy those who can speak both English and Welsh'

YOUR publication of Anne Usher's letter in The GEM (February 26) headed 'What use is the Welsh language?' demonstrates the importance and value of putting both sides of the argument, without fear or favour.

Its particular value on this occasion exposes the paucity of thinking represented in her letter.

This is the thinking of Jeremy Clarkson, who has in recent times raised this same question and, in consequence, the opprobrium given to his many ignorant and irrational outbursts is widespread throughout the UK.

The exaggerated language of Ms Usher clearly strengthens the reasons why the Welsh language should continue to flourish in the face of such ignorance. Remarks such as: 'Well, bully for you... whatever floats your boat,' makes one cringe when set in the context she has placed them.

It is difficult for me to understand why such protagonists fail to see the merit in being bilingual, as opposed to being a boring, mundane monoglot. Being a monoglot myself, I envy the abilities of the bilingualist who can speak the two languages

fluently and, in my experience, have a superior command in their use of the English language to most monoglots.

Finally, the writer gives a clear impression that she is being a solitary and very brave correspondent by forthrightly advocating the disclosure of her identity.

I've lived in this country for 70 plus years and have enjoyed the freedoms afforded to me, such as freedom of speech, without fear or favour. What I have absolutely not experienced as a monoglot, is any oppression or fear coming from the direction of the Welsh language lobby.

They only react in this debate when outsiders, institutions and certain Anglo-Welsh, attack their right (in their own country) to use, protect and preserve this lovely ancient language.

So I say to Ms Usher, it is in the best interests of the Welsh language for you to carry on enjoying your right to express your point of view, without fear or favour.

If any fear arises at all, it will only be to harm your pride when, and if ever, you come to realise the paucity of your thinking on this subject.

D Williams,
Rhoose.

'FAIR SHARES FOR OUR COUNTRY'

READERS may be aware that the Prime Minister announced further powers for Wales last weekend, following cross-party talks which I participated in as the leader of Plaid Cymru.

The UK Government's announcement confirmed that Wales will not get as good a deal on powers and funding as Scotland or Northern Ireland. This is without going into

changes that are under way within England.

Wales will not be given responsibility for policing, justice, the rail network, most aspects of our natural resources, air passenger tax, or a number of other domestic areas. We need to make these decisions in Wales, as the people who live here and have moved here know best about how the country should be run.

Following the Scottish referendum last year, it has been reiterated that the UK is a "family

of nations". If this is true, there can be no justification for Wales being treated any differently to the other devolved administrations.

It is Plaid Cymru's intention to secure a Wales Bill in the new Parliament that provides for equality of responsibility and resources for Wales. Our country must be given the opportunity to thrive as we know it can.

Leanne Wood,
Leader, Plaid Cymru – the Party of Wales.

Pulling rug from under Hinckley nuclear plant

WE are all expected to pay the proverbial 'arm and a leg' for the proposed new nuclear facility at Hinckley, (15 miles from Barry Island).

Unfortunately for some residents in Fukushima in 2011, they paid the ultimate 'higher price', as I heard first hand from a resident last week at a conference held in Cardiff Bay by the Nuclear Free Local Authorities (Cardiff being a member but sadly not my own authority, the Vale of Glamorgan Council).

A similar meeting was also held on Ynys Mon/Anglesey the following evening. Readers may not be aware that the Austrian Government have formally objected to the Hinckley development, due to the Westminster Government's subsidies being unfair when compared to 'cleaner' methods of energy generation.

We now know that the results of the first renewable energy auction held in the UK under its new 'contract for difference' pricing mechanism, 'greener' bids have pulled the rug from underneath the nuclear advocate argument that it is the cheapest form of clean

energy.

It has also surprised the UK Government, and some of the renewable developers themselves.

Both wind energy and solar came in at around £80/MWh, which is well below the £120/MWh budget for solar, and the £95/MWh by the UK Government, and the £92.50/MWh negotiated for the proposed £42 billion Hinckley C nuclear reactor.

The strike prices for these wind and solar technologies will be progressively scaled down in coming years.

I have arranged a presentation, to the scrutiny committee of housing and public protection, of emergency planning procedures in place in the event of an incident at Hinckley (I am not aware of Cardiff's policy at the time of writing).

The presentation is at 4.30pm on March 11 and is open to all members.

There is also limited space available in the public gallery. **Christopher Williams,** (Chairman – scrutiny committee for housing and public protection).

'Town was created over four decades'

IAPPLAUD you for your courage in providing both sides of the argument over the Darren Farm Estate, but I would like to bring some historical clarity to the issue: the people who created the wonderful town that is now Cowbridge are the people who have lived here since the 1970s.

The families that own a lot of the High Street have been our guardians. I went to the Old Hall grammar school classes in the 1960s, when every HGV on its way west rattled the windows ceaselessly.

Despite that, it was, arguably, the finest

grammar school in Wales.

The bypass proposed by town council released us from this industrialisation of the streets and the town flourished. Since the 1970s, the number of retail premises in Cowbridge has expanded, and not for nothing is it known as the Bond Street of Wales. All of this has been achieved by the combined efforts of the townspeople of the town of Cowbridge.

Cowbridge is what we, the townsfolk, made it over the last 40 years. Barry folk made a mess of their town, so why visit their incompetence on us?

Hywel Moelwyn Davies, Cowbridge.

Jim and Brenda celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary

by GEM REPORTER

A Barry couple, Jim and Brenda Wilson, enjoyed a very special gathering of family and friends at St Andrew's Golf Club, on Saturday, February 28 – their diamond wedding anniversary.

Jim (81) told The GEM: "The event went very well and everyone enjoyed themselves."

Brenda (87) is Barry born and bred. She was brought up at Biglis Farm, which is located in Argae Lane, where her father was the bailiff.

Jim is from Calshot, on the fringe of the New Forest.

Jim explained: "In 1952 I was called up for National Service and sent on a training course to RAF St Athan."

"I came in to Barry to have a look around and met Brenda – it was April 1952."

"We were married on February 26, 1955 at St Andrew's Church, St Andrew's Major not far from where we celebrated on Saturday!"

After National Service, Jim worked in Barry for Moorwell Motors and as a salesman at Dan Evans.



The couple then moved to England when he worked for the MoD as a 'safety equipment worker'.

Later at St Athan as a civilian instructor he trained young airmen in the use of safety equipment – parachutes, life rafts and clothing used during flights.

He retired from RAF Halton in 1993 and Jim and Brenda returned to Barry the next year.

Jim said: "Brenda always agreed to the moves, but was pleased to return to Barry to be close to family."

Jim and Brenda celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary at St Andrew's Golf Club on Saturday, February 28, just a mile or so from where they were married!

Rhoose library consultation

MONDAY, March 9 could be decision day for Rhoose library. The Vale of Glamorgan Council will meet at 6pm that day to discuss the outcome of the consultation.

Meet at Rhoose Social Club, Saturday, March 7 at 12 noon to find out what the report will say.

Cliff Darlington, Rhoose.

Council Q&A

A PUBLIC question and answer session will follow the next Vale Council Community cabinet meeting at the Civic Offices in Barry on March 9.

It will take place in Committee Room 2 from 6pm-8pm and residents are invited to attend to talk to the cabinet members about issues affecting the Vale.

Contact 01446 709853, or visit the website: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Mummy and Me FASHION SHOW

Enjoy a fabulous evening of fun and fashion and shop our gorgeous new S/S15 arrivals!

Join us at 6.00pm on 12.03.15 for a one of a kind mommy mommy fashion show with Lou Lou Fashion and all your favourite Daisy and Jack brands!

KENZO, daisy & jack, IKKS, LOULOU

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (TRINITY STREET, BARRY) EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC ORDER 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on 2nd March 2015, Vale of Glamorgan Council made an Experimental Traffic Order under Sections 1,2,9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and all other enabling powers after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Schedule 9 to the 1984 Act.

The effect of the Experimental Traffic Order, which shall come into operation on the 1st April 2015, or on the date that the appropriate signs and road markings are in place whichever is the later will be as outlined in the Schedule below for its duration.

The reason for proceeding by way of an Experimental Traffic Order is to assess the effects of the suspension for a trial period before consideration is given to whether the provisions of the Experimental Traffic Order should be made permanent.

A copy of the Experimental Traffic Order, a map showing its effects, a statement of the reasons for having made the Experimental Traffic Order for its duration, may be inspected at the offices of the undersigned, during normal office hours.

The experimental provisions can continue in force for a maximum of 18 months trial period before a permanent Order is considered. Within a period of 6 months from the coming into operation of the Experimental Traffic Order any person may object to the making of a permanent Order. Any objection should be in writing, giving the grounds on which it is made and be addressed to the Director of Visible Services and Housing at the address given below.

Any comments in support of the Experimental Traffic Order are also invited during this period. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Experimental Traffic Order or any of its provisions on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that a requirement of any such enabling Act or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Experimental Traffic Order was made, make application for this purpose to the High Court.

SCHEDULE

EXPERIMENTAL ORDER – ONE WAY TRAFFIC

Prohibition of Driving

Trinity Street, Barry (North to South)

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in a south easterly direction from its junction with Jenner Road for a distance of approximately 220 metres downhill to the junction of Porthkerry Road / Montgomery Road.

Trinity Street, Barry (South to North)

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in a north westerly direction from its junction with St Paul's Avenue / High Street for a distance of approximately 145 metres uphill to the junction of Porthkerry Road / Montgomery Road.

Dated the 5th day of March 2015

M. E. Punter
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2015 GORCHYMYN TRAFFIG ARBROFOL (TRINITY STREET, Y BARRI)

HYSBYSIR trwy hyn i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg, ar 2 Mawrth 2015, wneud Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol o dan adranau 1,2,9 a 10 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 ('y Ddeddf'), a phob pŵer galluogi arall, ar ôl ymgynghori â phrif swyddog yr heddlu'n unol ag Atodlen 9 Deddf 1984.

Effaith y Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol - a ddaw i rym ar 1 Ebrill 2015, neu ar y dyddiad y bydd yr arwyddion a'r marciau ffordd priodol i gyd yn eu lle, pa un bynnag fo'r dyddiad diweddaraf - fydd yn union fel sydd wedi'i egluro yn yr Atodlen isod, tra pery.

Gwnaethom Orchymyn Traffig Arbrofol er mwyn gallu asesu effaith atal y traffig am gyfnod arbrofol cyn penderfynu'n derynol p'un ai i dderbyn ynteu gwrthod darpariaethau'r gorchymyn hwnnw.

Mae copi o'r Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol, map sy'n dangos ei effaith a datganiad o'n rhesymau dros wneud gorchymyn arbrofol ar gael i'w astudio yn swyddfeydd y sawl sydd wedi llofnodi isod, yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

Gall darpariaethau arbrofol barhau mewn grym am gyhyd â 18 mis cyn i orchymyn terfynol gael ei ystyried. Mae hawl yn ystod y 6 mis sy'n dilyn grymuso'r Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol, i unrhyw un wrthwynebu derbyn y gorchymyn hwnnw'n derynol. Dylech gynnwys ac egluro unrhyw wrthwynebiad sydd gennych mewn llythyr, a'i anfon at Gyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai'r awdurdod, yn y cyfeiriad isod.

Mae croeso hefyd i chi anfon sylwadau o blaid y Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol yn ystod y cyfnod hwn. Os hoffech ddadlau'n erbyn dilystrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'i ddarpariaethau am na chredwch fod gan y ddeddf alluogi berthnasol bwerau i'w weithredu, neu am y tybiwch y methwyd â chydymffurfio â gofynion y ddeddf honno neu unrhyw reolau perthnasol a wnaethpwyd o dani, bydd gennych chwe wythnos o'r dyddiad y gwnaethpwyd y Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol i wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwnnw.

ATODLEN

GORCHYMYN ARBROFOL – TRAFFIG UNFFORDD

Gwahardd gyrru

Trinity Street, Y Barri (o'r gogledd i'r de)

Ni chaiff unrhyw un yrru modur na chaniatáu i unrhyw un arall yrru modur

i lawr y rhiw o'r gyffordd â Jenner Road hyd at y gyffordd â Porthkerry Road / Montgomery Road (sef pellter o ryw 220 metr) i gyfeiriad y de dwyrain.

Trinity Street, Y Barri (o'r de i'r gogledd)

Ni chaiff unrhyw un yrru modur na chaniatáu i unrhyw un arall yrru modur i fyny'r rhiw o'r gyffordd â St Paul's Avenue / High Street hyd at y gyffordd â Porthkerry Road / Montgomery Road (sef pellter o ryw 145 metr) i gyfeiriad y gogledd orllewin.

Dyddiedig 5 Mawrth 2015

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenvô. CF5 6AA.



ABOVE: Jim and Brenda got married at St Andrew's Church, St Andrew's Major, on February 26, 1955

Model Day

MARCH 8 will be 'Model Day at the Barry War Museum', situated at Barry Island Station, where the public can see plastic kits and military figures; radio controlled models and fantasy war-gaming.

There will be no charge for admission. The museum will also be open.

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Sefydli gwasanaeth Gofal Gwyliau Cymraeg



CYNHALIWDYD Cynllun Gofal a Chwarae cyfrwng Cymraeg ym Mro Morgannwg am y tro cyntaf yn ystod hanner tymor Chwefror eleni, ac fe gafwyd wythnos yn llawn hwyl a gweithgareddau amrywiol.

Mae'r gwasanaeth newydd yma'n cael ei gydyddu gan Menter Bro Morgannwg, trwy gefnogaeth Cynghor Bro Morgannwg, a'n cynnig gofal dwy'r dydd i blant yn ystod pob gwyliau ysgol (ag eithrio'r Nadolig), o ddydd Llun i ddydd Gwener, 8.30am - 5.30pm. Caiff ei gynnal yn Ysgol Nant Talwg, ond mae'n agored i holl blant ysgolion cynradd Cymraeg Bro Morgannwg.



Roedd rhai o uchafbwyntiau'r wythnos yn cynnwys coginio crempogau ar ddydd Mawrth Ynnd, gweithdai chwaraeon gyda'r Urdd, ymweliad gan reptiliaid a chreaduriaid anwes eraill, a mynd i wylto 'Big Hero 6' yn y cinema.

Hoffwn ddiolch yn fawr i staff Ysgol Nant Talwg am eu cefnogaeth, ac edrychwn ymlaen i barhau a'r ddarpariaeth yn ystod pob gwyliau ysgol o nawr ymlaen.

Mae Menter Bro Morgannwg hefyd yn chwilio am staff brwdfrydig i weithio yn achlysurol yn y Cynlluniau Gofal Gwyliau yma, felly os oes gennych chi brofiad o weithio gyda phlant neu'n edrych i gael mwy o brofiad ar eich CV, cysylltwch â ni: ffion@menterbromorgannwg.org / 029 20689888.

Er mwyn derbyn y manylion diweddaraf trwy ebost am wasanaethau Menter Bro Morgannwg, yn ogystal â gweithgareddau neu ddiwyddiadau Cymraeg lleol eraill, cofiwch bod modd i chi gofrestru ar gyfer ein e-chlysur trwy wefan y Fenter!

LLAIS LLEOL - CARYL PARRY JONES

PA ardal o'r Fro ydych chi'n byw?

Dwi'n byw rhyw ddwy filltir i'r gogledd o'r Bontfaen ym mhentre bach Maendy. 'Dan ni wedi byw yna ers 27 mlynedd ac wedi hen wreiddio!

Beth ydy'r peth gorau am fyw yn y Bontfaen?

Mae'r Bontfaen yn bentre mewn gwirionedd. Mae 'na deimlad cymuned braf yna ac mae'n edrych yn fendigedig bob dydd, ymhob tywydd ac ymhob tymor. Mae'n gyfeus i Gaerdydd ac i'r Gorllewin ond mae hi bob amser yn braf iawn cael mynd yn ôl yna ar ddiwedd dydd.

Rhowch 5 gair i ddisgrifio'r Fro.

Amrywiol, Prydferth, Gwledig, Arfordirol, Gwahanol.

Beth ydy eich diddordebau?

Wel dwi'n falch o ddweud mai fy mhrif diddordeb i ydi 'ngwaith i sef cerddoriaeth. Ond dwi hefyd yn hoff iawn o goginio, rygbi a janglo.

Ers symud i'r Fro dros 25 mlynedd yn ôl, ydych chi'n gweld bod y Gymraeg wedi ennill ei statws?

Yn bendant. Dwi ddigon ffodus o fod wedi cael plant ymhob ysgol yng Nghaerdydd a'r Fro. Aeth Gideon fy llysfab i Lantaf. Pan aeth honno'n rhy fawr aeth plant Y Bontfaen i Blasmawr gan gynnwys fy merch hynaf, Elan ac wedyn wrth gwrs fe gawson ein hysgol Gymraeg ein hunain yn 2000 wedi i Blasmawr dyfu'n fawr ac yn iach. Aeth y tri arall, Miriam, Moe a Greta i Ysgol Bro Morgannwg ac mae honno wedi gosod stamp Gymraeg ym mhob un o ardaloedd ei dalgylch.

Roedd paratodau'r Eisteddfod yn 2012 yn ffordd arbennig o ddod i adnabod Cymry Gymraeg a di-Gymraeg yr ardal ac mae'r Gymraeg i'w chlywed fwyfwr yn Y Bontfaen ei hun... ac er gwaetha'r sylwadau hiliol wnaethpwyd yn y Gem yn ddiweddar, mae 'na ewylls da iawn tuag at yr Iaith yn y dref.

Beth yw eich uchelgais am y ddeng mlynedd nesaf?



Caryl Parry Jones.

Does gen i ddim un! Rioed wedi bod yn uchelgeisiol mae gen i ofn.

Gyda phwy fasech chi'n hoffi cael pryd o fwyd?

Hefo rhywun sy'n mynd i roi cymysgedd o sgwrs dda, ddofn a digon o hiwmor i mi.

Pwy ydych chi'n eu hedmygu?

Ffired a Meirir Ffrancis a'u teulu am eu gwaith diflino dros Y Gymraeg ac am bopeth sy'n gyfiawn.

Nyrsus.

Trefnwyr Angladdau.

Beth yw eich gwyliau delfrydoli?

Gwneud dim byd ond bwyta, yfed a siarad yn nghwmni teulu a ffrindiau mewn gwlad gynnes. Mi wnes i'r union beth llynedd yn Puerto Banus yn Sbaen a ro'dd o'n berffaith.

Lle yw eich hoff darafarn neu fwyty yn y Fro?

Ges i pizza ardderchog o Pizzeria Pronto ym Mhenarth yn ddiweddar. Cwt bach ar ochr y ffordd ydion yn gwerthu pizzas gwerth chweil i fynd hefo chi.

Fel arall dwi'n hoff iawn o Bar 44 fel rhywle i wrdd am banded.

Angharad

FFRACIO! Gair sy'n swinio fel rheg, ac yn air sy'n annog rhegfeydd, yn enwedig pan fo'r gair yn gysylltiedig ag un o lecnau prydferthaf Bro Morgannwg.

Mae cwmni o'r enw Coastal Oil and Gas Ltd wedi gwneud cais i gynnal arbrofion ffracio yn Llantrithyd, ar dir amaethyddol ar ffordd Treisimwn i Llanfyllen rhwng y capel a Ffrem Caemaen. Pledleisiodd Pwyllogor Cynllunio Cynghor Bro Morgannwg o blaid y cais.

Dechreuodd y frwydr felly rhwng trigolion y pentrefi cyfagos a'r Cynghor ac mae blas digon cas eisoes yn yr ymgyrchu yn sgil penderfyniad dau ffermwr lleol i ganiatáu i Coastal Oil and Gas wneud cais am yr hawl i gynnal arbrofion ar eu tir nhw.

Dros hanner tymor fe aethom ni fel teulu am ddridiau i Normandi. Dyma un o ardaloedd prydferthaf Ffrainc yn llawn o bentrefi hynafol a'i châteaux tylwyth teg; trefi canoloesol; ffermydd gwledig a'u siop seidr a calvados (blasu!).

traethau euraidd; hanes nodedig a phensaernïaeth unigryw. Nid oes llawer o ardaloedd yng Nghymru sy'n gallu cystadlu a'r fath brydferthwch nodedig, ond mae Bro Morgannwg yn un o'r lleoliadau prin hynny.

Yn focs siocled o dws gyda'r bythynod bach tō gwellt, cestyll hynafol,



eglwys i o bwys a thraethau o ddiddordeb daearyddol byd eang sut yn y byd gall y Cynghor sydd a rôl gwarchodol heb son am rôl i hybu gwaith a thwristiaeth feddwl am eiliad y byddai ffracio yn llesol?

Ac mae'n rhaid codi'r pwynt hefyd - os yw ffracio wedi ei wahardd yn Ffrainc, yr Almaen, Denton yn Texas (lle cyflwynwyd ffracio i'r byd) ac yn ddiweddar Efrog Newydd, pam yn y byd dylai gael ei ganiatáu mewn ardal mor hynod â Bro Morgannwg?

A phwy fyddai'n elwa o'r distryw? Faint o elw fyddai'n cael ei wneud yn sgil cymorthdaliadau wrth y llywodraeth a faint o'r elw hwnnw fyddai'n cael ei ddosannu'n deg i'r gymuned?

Nos Lun y 9fed o Fawrth byddaf yn cadeirio noson agored 'A Question of Fracking' yn y Duke of Wellington yn y Bontfaen lle bydd cyfle gan bobl lleol i gwyled barn y gwleidyddion am ffracio. Dewch â'ch pryderon. Dewch â'ch cwestiynau. Dewch yn llw!

Calendr

Urdd Gobaith Cymru

7/03/15: Eisteddfod Cynradd Cylch Dwyrain Gorllewin a Bro Morgannwg, Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, 9am.

10/03/15: Eisteddfod Sir Dawns, Ysgol Fitzalan, 4pm.

13/03/15: Eisteddfod Uwchradd Lleisiol, Ysgol Plasmawr, 9am.

17/03/15: Cystadleuaeth CogURDD.

18/03/15: Eisteddfod Offerynnol Uwchradd Ysgol Glantaf, 2pm.

21/03/15: Eisteddfod Rhanbarth Cynradd, Ysgol Glantaf, 9am.

23/03/15: Eisteddfod Aelwydydd, Gwersyll yr Urdd, 6pm.

24/03/15: Cystadleuaeth Cân Actol, Ysgol Plasmawr, 4pm.

geraint@urdd.org / (029) 20635684

Merched y Wawr

10/03/2015: Taith gerdded

Taith gylch o Lanilltud Fawr - tua 4 milltir. Mae un set o risiau a dringo a sawl gamfa, a bydd angen esgidiau cryf a dillad addas. Cyfarfod ym maes parcio Neuadd y Dre am 10.30am. Croeso arbennig i ddysgwyr.

Enwau i / mwy o fanylion gan Shirley Williams - (029) 20615243 / s.williams642@btinternet.com

25/03/15: Diwrnod i hyrwyddo Dyfeisgarwch a Chymreictod ymnyg Merched

Siardwyr yn cynnwys Betsan Powys, Llinos Lanini, Lisa Feam, Ann Mears a Rhiannon Roberts. Rhaid cofrestru (am ddim) trwy ffonio 01970 611661 erbyn Mawrth 18.

9.30am - 3pm yn ngwesty'r Bear, y Bontfaen.

Cymrodorion y Barri

17/03/15: Sgwrs ar gyfer Dydd Sant Padrig gan yr Athro Diarmait Mac Giolla Christ.

Cadeirydd y Noson yw Ewryn Ogwen. 7.15pm yn Ffestri Capel y Tabernacl, y Barri.

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Adran Addysg Gydol Oes

Cynghor Bro Morgannwg

BOB nos Lun 6.30-9pm yng Nghanolfan Palmerston; Dosbarthiadau wythnosol gan gynnwys Gwario, Dosbarth Canu, Crefftau, Coffi, Sgwrs a Gemau Bwrdd.

23/03/15: Clwb Llyfrau - "I Ble'r Aeth Haul y Bore?" gan Eurig Wyn; 7pm-8pm yng Nghanolfan Palmerston.

27/03/15: Darlith a Chinio, 'Allfudo o Gymru' (gan Bob Puw); 12.15pm-2pm yng Ngholeg Cymunedol y

Tanio'r Ddraig yn Nant Talwg!

ROEDD cyffro mawr yn Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg yn ystod wythnos olaf mis Chwefror a'r ysgol yn ferw gwyllt wrth i'r plant ddathlu wythnos o Gymreictod. Yn draddodiadol wrth gwrs, mae'r cynnod yma yn orlawn o ddathliadau Gwyl Ddewi ac yn gyfnod o hyrwyddo popeth Cymreig.

A dyna'n union a gafwyd yn Ysgol Nant Talwg. Rhoddwyd yr amserlen ffurfiol o'r neilltu ac fe drefnwyd amrywiaeth o weithgareddau i dano filam y Ddraig!

Cafodd y plant flas mawr ar goginio gyda Mrs Jan Roche. Roedden nhw wrth eu bodau yn pobi bisgedi'r Ddraig a bisgedi Cennin Pedr - heb un Pice ar y Maen i'w gweld yn unman! Ac o dan oruchwylieth Ms Sharon Broderick a Mr Tomos Rogers fe gafodd y plant gyfle i gyfrannu at waith celf swmpus ar y thema 'Fy Nghymru'.

Roedd cryn gynnwrf yn yr ysgol pan gyrhaeddodd rhai o gymeriadau mwyaf lliwgar S4C. 'Heini' oedd y cyntaf i gyrraedd ac fe roddodd hi wersi ffrwydd i bob dosbarth.

Yna, daeth Pepa Pinc, ei ffrind George ac yna Sam Tân ei hun! Profiad fythgofiadwy a phawb yn gysgu i'w gael llofnod!

Efallai mai uchafbwynt yr wythnos oedd yr



Eisteddfod Ysgol. Cafwyd cystadlaethau ffurfiol fel unawdau a llefaru a chystadlaethau mwy anffurfiol fel Dawnsio Stryd.

Braf oedd cael croesawu Teilo Evans sef cyfeiliydd swyddogol Cŵr Ysgol Nant Talwg a Jodi Bird o Britain's Got Talent i fod yn feirniaid. Dyma feirniaid i'r dyfodol yn sicr!

Fe welwyd perfformiadau gwyb ar lwyfan yr eisteddfod a roedd cryn frwydr rhwng y llysoedd ond yn fuddugol eleni oedd Llys Illtud.

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GIGS BACH Y FRO



Noson Gomedï.

CYNHALIWIYD digwyddiad cyntaf Gigs Bach y Fro ar gyfer 2015 yng nghanol mis Chwefror, gyda Noson Gomedï yng ngwesty'r Parc yn Y Barri.

Daniel Glyn oedd yn llywio'r noson, a chafwyd perfformiadau gwyh hefyd gan Steffan Alun a Noel James.

Diolech yn fawr i'r tri ohonynt. Roedd y noson yn un prysur a hwyliog iawn, ac roedd mor braf gweld cynulleidfia mor niferus yn mynychu a'n mwynhau comedi Cymraeg.

Bu'r digwyddiad yn un llwyddiannus tu hwnt felly'r bwriad ydy i drefnu Noson Gomedï arall yn y Barri cyn diwedd y flwyddyn – gwyliwch allan am y manylion!

Yn y cyfamser, mae'r rhaglen yn parhau, ac mae Gigs Bach y Fro yn dod i'r Bontfaen ar gyfer ei digwyddiad nesaf! Caiff y Gig Gwerin ei drefnu mewn partneriaeth â Cwprdd Nansi, ac yn perfformio bydd Chris Jones a Band Nantgarw (grŵp o offerynnwyr gwerin bywiog a thalentog tu hwnt). Caiff ei gynnal ar nos Wener 27ain o Fawrth 2015 yn y Duke of Wellington, Y Bontfaen, gyda'r drysau'n agor am 8pm. Croeso i bawb! Mae modd archebu tocynnau o flaen llaw (£8 yr un) trwy gysylltu â ni: ffion@menterbromorgannwg.org / 029 20689888.

Caiff y prosiect ei drefnu mewn partneriaeth rhwng Menter Bro Morgannwg, Clwb Ifor Bach a Cwprdd Nansi, dan nawdd Cyngor Celfyddydau Cymru a Llywodraeth Cymru. Cydnabyddir hefyd gefnogaeth BOOM Pictures Cymru, Cyngor Tref y Barri, Cyngor Tref Penarth a Chyngor Cymunedol Dinas Powys.



Chris Jones.

Adran Chwaraeon yr Urdd

Clybiau

MAE yna ystod eang o gylbiau chwaraeon cymunedol yn ail-ddechrau ar ôl hanner tymor – gan gynnwys Nofio, Athletau o dan do, Tennis Bwrdd, Plantos Heini a Gymnasteg – ac maent yn cael eu cynnal mewn amryw o leoliadau ar draws y Fro.

Am fwy o wybodaeth ac i gofrestru, ewch i wefan yr Urdd, neu chysylltwch â Swyddog Chwaraeon Bro Morgannwg ar y manylion isod.



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Cwrs Sadwrn yn y Bontfaen gyda Nia Parri



'JEST DAL ATI' – Neges Nia Parry i bawb!

UNWAITH eto cawsom Gwrs Sadwrn o fri ble roedd bwrllwm o siarad Cymraeg ymysg dysgwyr Caerdydd a'r Fro.

Ar ddiwrnod Sant Ffolant yn yr Hen Neuadd cafodd pob tiwtor rhosyn cyn iddynt ddechrau ar ddysgu.

'Cariad' ac 'S4C' oedd prif themau y diwrnod a digon hawdd yw clymu'r ddau at ei gilydd oherwydd ein cariad at Gymreictod.

Ond, uchafwynt y dydd oedd ymweliad Nia Parry. Daeth yn i gwrdd a'n dysgwyr gan drafod ei bywyd a'i anturiaethau cyn iddi siarad am rhaglen newydd i'n dysgwyr ar S4C, Dal Ati. Mae'r rhaglen yn cynnig dwy awr o raglenni wedi eu teulwra'n arbennig ar gyfer dysgwyr Canolradd ac Uwch er mwyn rhoi gwybodaeth, geirfa, hyder a mwynhad wrth iddynt barhau ar y daith i ddod yn rhugl.

Mae Nia yn barod yn ymweld â chartrefi enwogion Cymru mewn cyfres newydd o'r enw Adre sydd yn dechrau am 11:30 (ni ddaeth i dŷ Glyn Wise diolech byth – gormod o lanast a llwch!). Mae hefyd yn trafieilio ar draws Cymru ac yn sgwrsio gyda sawl person diddorol ar draws y wlad am eu bywydau.

"Mae'n bwysig i ddysgwyr glywed acenion o bob ardal o Gymru," meddai Nia Parry, sydd yn byw yn Rhostryfan ger Caernarfon, ac sydd wedi treulio nifer o flynyddoedd yn dysgu Cymraeg i oedolion.

"Mi fydd yn neis cyfarfod pob math o bobl o wahanol rannau o Gymru ar Adre, a dysgu am eu cymdeithasau, a'u bywydau. Yn aml iawn beth sy'n anodd i ddysgwyr yw ffeindio cyfleoedd i siarad Cymraeg, a ffeindio siaradwyr Cymraeg sydd â digon o amynedd i ymarfer gyda nhw! Felly gobeithio bydd Dal Ati yn rhoi hyder iddynt nhw barhau efo'r dysgu."

Dwyed Nia fod clywed dysgwyr yn

meistrol'i'r iaith yn gwneud iddi hi deimlo'n fwy hyderus am yr iaith Gymraeg:

"Mae o'n codi calon, mae o'n gwneud i chdi deimlo bod yr iaith yn saffach 'na ti'n ei feddwl. 'Da ni angen diolech i'r dysgwyr am wneud ymdrech i ddysgu'r iaith, a gwneud buddsoddiad."

Yn ogystal â'r ddwy awr ar fore Sul, mae gwasanaeth Dal Ati yn cynnwys gwefan ap arbennig. Mae gwefan (www.s4c.co.uk/dalati) ac ap Dal Ati yn cynnwys geirfa, gemau, clipiau fideo a sain, deialog ac ymarferion iaith o bob math fydd yn cynnig help llaw ychwanegol i ddysgwyr Cymraeg canolradd i uwch.

Yn wir, roedd pawb wedi mwynhau ei chwmmi a gorffennom y diwrnod drwy ganu anthem Cymru! Roedd yn ddiwrnod arbennig! Os ydych chi eisiau fwy o wybodaeth am y cysiau Sadwrn nesaf ewch i'n gwefan www.learnwelsh.co.uk neu dilynwch ni ar Facebook neu Twitter.

GLYN WISE

Mynd am dro... i'r Ddinas!

DOES dim dwy'n ei fwynhau yn fwy na mynd am dro yn y Fro, a chnocio ar Barri yn cadw ffyrdd ddrwsau'r bobl leol i y dre honno yn dwt tu ddarganfod eu barn ynghylch Bro Morgannwg, a hynny.

Un o rinweddau'r system traffig lleol trwy Ddinas Powys, yn benodedig y ffordd brysus ger y lôn bysiau hynod dawl yw bod hyn yn caniatâi dyn i synfyfrio am darddiad enw'r pentref/dinas... wel, byddai hi'n dref yng Ngheredigion, ac ym Mhowys hefyd!

Felly ife dyna ystyr yr enw? h.y. 'byddai lle'r maint yma yn ddinas ym Mhowys?' Wel, petai hynny'n wir byddai gen i 200 o eiriau ychwanegol i ffuglenni felly, na.

Ces i'r ateb call o ymweld â'r llyfrgell leol ym Mhenarth, ble mae dyn canol oed fel myfi yn gallu treulio digonedd o amser yn hamdden yn yr adran HANES LLEOL ar lawr cyntaf y llyfrgell.

Yna, mi ddowch chi hefyd ar draws y gwir, a'r gwirion! Iestyn ab Gwrgan

oedd y bonheddw'r lleol a ddaeth o hyd i'r enw Dinas Powys yn ôl yn 1043, pan oedd ymweliad wythnosol gan lori ailgylchu ddim ond yn freuddwyd ac iaith y stryd oedd Cymraeg. Dewisodd Iestyn ab – neu gael ei annog yn hytrach – i briodi Denis, merch Bleddyn ab Cynfyn, tywysog Powys. Nid Denis yn ystyr y chwaraewr pêl-droed o'r Alban cofiwch, ond fel sy'n cael ei ynganu yn y gan bop siriol "Denis" (Denis!) gan Blondie, grŵp sydd â bron dim cysylltiad gyda Bro Morgannwg ag eithro safle cadarnhaol yn Ford Focus fy ngwraig (mae'n gyrru Chelsea Tractor i ddweud y gwir ond ry ni'n cadw'r ymfrosto hynny i faes parcio'r ysgol).

Castell Denis-Powys felly... dyna darddiad enw'r pentref, ac roedd gweiddillion eu tŷ crand/castell yn le arbennig o ddiogel i'r bobl leol cadw eu gwartheg a'u hunain yng ngweddillion y castell yn ystod y canrifoedd anodd oedd ar y ffordd i Ddinas Powys.

Diolech i uned ymchwil Penarth llyfrgell ble maent yn ceisio y gorau gallen nhw i ddarparu'r Gymraeg, felly cefnogwch eich llyfrgell

leol! Sy'n awgrymu yn gry' fy mhrosiect lleol nesaf yn wir. Af ati i ddarllen yn fwy gogyfer â phethau Sili y tro nesaf. Tan hynny, da bo.

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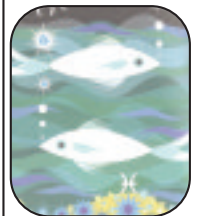


Diolch i Alwyn Deiniol Evans am rannu'r llun hyfryd hwn o Bier Penarth. Ydych chi'n hoff o dynnu lluniau? Danfonwch nhw aton ni i'w cyhoeddu yn y rhifyn nesaf!

Sêr gan Eiry Palfrey PISCES



Eiry Palfrey



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OS cawsom eich geni rhwng Chwefror 20 a Mawrth 21 rydych chi'n perthyn i arwydd Pisces – arwydd dwr dan reolaeth y blaned Neifion.

Rydych chi'n freuddwydiwr, ond yn berson caredig, goddefgar a chariadus. Mae eraill yn dylanwadu'n hawdd amoch chi oherwydd mae'n gas gyda chi frifo unrhyw un.

Rydych chi'n ei chael hi'n anodd i wneud penderfyniadau, ac yn dueddol o ddianc rhag unrhyw sefyllfa anodd neu hyll – a rydych chi'n or-ramantus ar adegau. Mae ffantasi yn chwarae rhan bwysig yn eich bywyd.

Ond, ry'ch chi'n berson ysbrydol a chyfrin er y gallwch chi weithiau fod yn gwbl anymarferol a diog. Fe allwch ymddangos fel pe baech yn diodde o ddifffyg hunan hyder, ond yn eich ffordd fach dawl fe allwch gyflawni cryn dipyn.

Rydych chi'n berson hynaws, hoffus ac yn ardderchog fel help mewn argyfwng, mor bellled a mae rhywun arall yn trefnu'r sefyllfa.

Rydych chi'n hoff o anifeiliaid ac yn berson sensitif tu hwnt, ac yn anhygoel o ddagreul ac emosïynol. Weithiau fe ewch i'ch cragen i osgoi cael eich brifo. Rydych chi'n greadigol iawn yn enwedig yn y celfyddydau. Mae tuedd gyda chi (fel y pysgodyn) i fynd gyda'r llanw. Weithiau cewch eich temptio i osgoi cyfrifoldeb trwy freuddwydio, alcohol neu gyffuriau.

Pisceid enwog: Meic Stevens, Elaine Page, Charlotte Church, Dennis O'Neil, Elizabeth Taylor, Harold Wilson.

Rhoose Lifeguards Nippers win Welsh Championships

ON Sunday, February 8, the Nipper team from Rhoose Lifeguards travelled to the Wales National Pool, Swansea, for the Welsh Stillwater Championships.

With a team of over 50 Nippers, Rhoose were hoping for a good overall position and all of the children's efforts were rewarded when they were announced as 'joint first place winners', a fantastic team result for the Nippers, coaches and all of the supporting families.

As every year, Rhoose has a number of first time competitors taking part, whether they are in the youngest age group or have joined the club later on.

Taking to the starting blocks with a packed arena of clubs and supporters can be very daunting, but all the children showed great spirit to overcome any fears, finishing their races in a medal or points position.

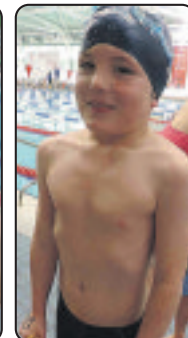
A special mention goes to individual gold medal winners, Welsh champions Brooke Peterson, Emily Parker, Evie Wong and Lena Davies.

Nipper co-ordinator Liz Wong, aided by coaches Jon Foster and Damon Gibson, would like to thank all of the families for their support and giving up their time for the competition.

A special thank you also, to all those who did timekeeping and other duties, and to those who helped with getting the Nippers ready before races.

Of course, the biggest thank you and well done goes to all of the children who represented the club – every one of the Nippers performed and behaved excellently over the course of the day. Well done all – you are a credit to the club.

Many medals were won in the pair and team events, and a list of the individual medal winners are as follows: Ruby Philips – silver flipper race, silver manikin carry, silver board race, Elian Davies – silver manikin carry, bronze flipper race, bronze board race, Eliana Philips – bronze board race, Lena Davies – gold board race, Evie Wong – gold flipper race, gold manikin carry, Monty Griffiths – bronze flipper race, Emily Parker – gold flipper race, bronze manikin carry, Cian Davies – bronze board race, Brooke Peterson – gold board race, silver flipper race.





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- In need of modernisation
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Elgar Crescent, Cardiff - £159,950
3 bedroom semi detached property overlooking green and mature trees. Entrance hallway, lounge, family room, kitchen/dining room. Large utility room, downstairs WC. Shower room to first floor. Backed front and rear gardens. Driveway for 2 vehicles. Garage. No chain. EPC=D.



Lower House Farm, Llanccadle - £575,000
Substantial period dwelling in the desirable hamlet of Llanccadle with commanding views to the rear over countryside. 5 bedroom family home with two bathrooms and an en suite. Many original features. 2 reception rooms, 3 bathrooms.



Williams Crescent, Barry - £86,500
Renovated throughout. 2 double bedroom ground floor apartment. Communal hallway, entrance hallway, living room, modern fitted kitchen and bathroom. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Communal grounds, no chain. EPC=D.



Apartment 21, Windsor Court - £115,000
Immaculately presented, spacious 2 double bedroom apartment. Cozy communal hallway, entrance hall. Open plan lounge/kitchen/diner. Master bedroom with ensuite shower room. Family bathroom, double glazing, electric heating. Access to communal laundrette and gymnasium facilities. No chain. EPC=C.



St Brannocks Close, Barry - £119,99
3 bedroom ground floor apartment set in the West end of Barry. Entrance hallway, lounge/dining room, newly fitted kitchen, bathroom, UPVC DG. Gas central heating, enclosed rear garden. Parking to front of property, garage in a block nearby. No chain. EPC=C.



Glan Y Dwr, Barry - £129,950
2 bedroom second floor apartment, communal hallway. Entrance hallway, living room with wrap around balcony enjoying waterfront views. Kitchen, bathroom and en suite shower room. Car parking to front and rear. EPC=C.



Wenvoe Terrace, Barry - £149,950
Traditional 3 bedroom mid terrace situated in the West end. Panoramic views. Open porch, hallway, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, modern bathroom, cellar, ideal for conversion if desired. Enclosed rear garden, double glazing GCH, EPC=D.



Pardoe Crescent, Barry - £129,950
2 double bedroom semi detached property, benefiting from far reaching views. Entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/dining room, bathroom to first floor. Approx. 140' enclosed garden. Viewing recommended. EPC=D.



Oxford Street, Barry - £159,950
2 bedroom semi detached situated in the West end. Entrance hallway, downstairs WC, living room. Kitchen/dining room. First floor bathroom. Enclosed front and rear gardens. Double garage/workshop. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. No chain. EPC=D.



Little Moors Hill, Barry - £109,950
3 bedroom end link property situated in the East end. Entrance hallway, lounge through dining room. Kitchen, bathroom, UPVC double glazing, GCH. Front and rear gardens. Garage. No chain. EPC=D.



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3 double bedroom semi detached residence situated in the Knap area, entrance hallway, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, conservatory. First floor bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas central heating, enclosed front and rear gardens. Driveway for 2 vehicles. Single garage. No chain. EPC=C.



Maes Glas, Barry - £259,950
Well presented 4 bedroom detached residence in the West end. Hallway, lounge, dining area, sitting room, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, downstairs WC. Family bathroom and ensuite shower room to master bedroom. UPVC double glazing, GCH, enclosed rear garden, driveway for 2 vehicles. EPC=D.



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Vale Bridge

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge club, St David's day Celtic Sims night on March 2:

1st Liam Sheridan & Glenda Roberts 62.12%, 2nd Trish Roe & Anne Hughes 61.57%, 3rd Tony Ratcliff & Julian Pottage 61.36%.

Kyokushin make long trip to Scotland

ON Saturday, February 21, five members of Barry Kyokushin travelled to Scotland to compete in the IKKU (Independent Kyokushinkai Karate Union) sixth Scottish Open - a full contact karate competition.

Barry Kyokushin took three competitors and two referees to this prestigious event, and Sarah Walker was first to compete in Women's Novice Lightweight, stepping onto the mat in front of hundreds of competitors and spectators from several different countries.

Sarah was fortunate enough to have a place in the final, but came up against a much taller and higher graded competitor. Sarah put on a difficult fight and drove forward with hard punches and kicks, but unfortunately missed out on a first place, but took home a very well deserved second place, a great achievement.

Chris Mason was next to represent Barry Kyokushin in Men's Novice Lightweight. Chris' first fight was very testing and lasted four minutes, but after several head kicks and knockout punches from Chris, he took the fight and sailed through to the final by referee decision.

Chris' final competitor was very strong and talented, but Chris put up a great fight and drove forward with a barrage of punches. Unfortunately, Chris' competition pipped the first place, but Barry Kyokushin are proud of Chris' second place in his first competition with the club.

Rob Miller was last up for the club, competing in Men's Novice Heavy Weight. Rob stepped onto the mat full of determination, and the crowd and his competitor could see that the fight lasted 30 seconds, after Rob pushed his other competitor with incredibly strong punches.

This fight secured Rob one of the fastest knockouts of the day. His next fighter was very strong and Rob was unfortunate to lose his second fight, after a barrage of kicks to the legs, but had another chance at fighting to secure a third place.

Rob's final competitor pulled out, safely securing Rob a third place, a great achievement for his first full contact competition.

Club instructor Senpai Phill Sedgmond commented: "It's been a very long time since we had fighters in Barry Kyokushin who have been interested in knockdown fighting. We have always trained towards it, it is the nature of the style.

"Over the years we



have had great success in Kata, in Cadet semi contact and Clicker, bringing home champions every time but these guys trained very hard towards this event. We put on extra sessions for them so they could get some great one on one tuition with me, and we even brought our old club instructor back Sensei Richard Males for a few sessions.

"Sensei Richard had a very long career as a knockdown fighter and his knowledgeable lessons were the icing on the cake for these budding fighters. They came away from the IKKU (Independent Kyokushinkai Karate Union) Scottish open with some very respectful places, two second places and a third place.

"I'm very proud of these fighters, as I am with all my fighters, they represented our club and our country and did so with great respect for their competitors," he added.

Barry Kyokushin Karate club train out of Castleland community



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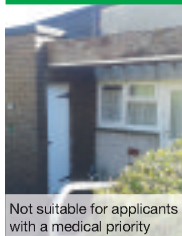
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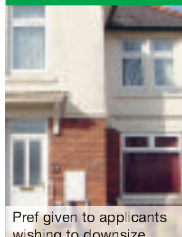
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Joyce Anne (nee Herbert)

Peacefully on February 18 at her home in Llanblethian, Joyce aged 91 years, devoted wife of Tom.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Ffônnon, Funeral Wednesday March 11. Service and Cremation 2.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

Family flowers to funeral home, donations in lieu, if desired, to Alzheimers Disease Society c/o Mrs C James, 11 Ffônnon Road, Rhosce, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

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POULTNEY

Colin Trevor

Suddenly on February 17 Colin passed away. Much missed father to Ceri-Anne and Gareth, bamps to Josh and Maisie, younger brother to Avril and Carol. Uncle to his many nieces and nephews.

Celebration of his life to be held at 11am Friday, March 13 at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium. Family request Welsh rugby shirts to be worn or red attire optional. Family flowers only donation to Cancer Research in lieu.

THOMAS

Maureen

Peacefully, on February 23 at Llandough Hospital, Maureen, late of Ffônnon Road, Fontygary, beloved wife of the late Noel, dearly loved mother of Ann, Mavis and Haydn, much loved mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Ffônnon, Funeral Thursday March 12, service 11.45am at Penmark Church, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 1pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Crossroads in the Vale c/o J James, 11 Ffônnon Road, Rhosce, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

TROTT

Heather

13 years on 6th March
Always in my heart
We miss you very much
John & family xxxxx

PHILLIPS

Kathleen (Kathy)

Peacefully on 25 February 2015, Kathy of St Athan. Dearly loved wife of the late Phil and much loved mother to Jeremy, Nigel and Simon. She was a loving grandmother to seven, and will be sadly missed.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son until the funeral service on Friday, 13 March in Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm. Family flowers only but donations may be made to Cancer Research UK (cheques only) c/o the Funeral Home.

DANCEY

Enid

Peacefully on February 24th at the University Hospital of Wales, Enid, well known of Barry Island, sadly passed away in her 97th year. Devoted wife to the late Tiny, much loved mum of Jayne, Brian, Penny, and the late Carole. A cherished nan, great nan and great great nan.

Enid will be so dearly missed by all who loved and knew her.

Resting in the private chapel of the Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, March 10th at 2pm. Family flowers only by request. Further enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 01446 407962.

JONES

Mervyn Gordon

Joan and family would like to thank everyone who attended Mervyn's funeral on February 17, and for many sympathy cards received.

Special thanks to Reverend Peter and Deacon Sam Taylor for conducting a lovely service and W James & Sons, Ffônnon for all their help.

BLANCHARD

Emmeline Mona

Peacefully on 19 February at The Barry Hospital, Emmeline Mona in her 102nd year, previously of Oxford Street, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Albert, dearly loved mother of Christine. Mona will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at AG Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road until the funeral on Monday, 9 March. Service in the chapel at 1pm, afterwards cremation at Barry Crematorium 2pm. Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Velindre Hospital.

DAVIES

Wilf

Val and Sandy wish to thank all who attended Wilf's funeral on February 19; all our family, friends and neighbours for all their support and kindness which got us through a very difficult time.

Special thanks to Andy Thomas for his care and compassion, Reverend Huw Butler and Reverend Canon David Brunning for the very moving service. We would also like to thank all who cared for Wilf during his very sad illness; Beryl, Mike and staff at The Victoria Inn for the excellent spread they put on; everyone for the donations made towards the Alzheimer's Society.

Forever in our hearts and thoughts.

COOPER

Ernest Charles Raymond (Ray)

Peacefully passed away on February 28, 2015 at The Forge Care Centre, Ely, with his family by his side, aged 90 years. Devoted husband to the late Pat, loving Dad to Lorraine and Paul, father-in-law to Brian, cherished grand to Daniel and Nathan, adored great grand to Cai, Charlie, Lloyd, Jacob and Lucas. Fondly thought of by Jolene and Allison.

Will be loved and missed by all.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Gladstone Road, Barry until the service in the funeral home chapel on Friday March 13 at 10am, afterwards to Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only, please - donations in lieu to the Alzheimer's Society, 16 Columbus Walk, Brigantia Place, Cardiff CF10 4BY.

ROWLES

Michael

Peacefully on 28 February 2015, Michael of Boverton. Cherished husband of Marlene and much loved dad of Philip and daughter in law Catherine.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit Major until the funeral service on Thursday, 12 March in Coychurch Crematorium at 3.15pm. Family flowers only but donations may be made to British Heart Foundation (cheques only please) c/o the Funeral Home.

EDWARDS

Carole and her family would like to thank everyone for attending Marsden's funeral on February 26. Thanks also for the many lovely cards and letters of sympathy, donations to Y Bwthyn Newydd, the lovely service by Reverend Birkin and for the funeral arrangements by W.A. Brown & Son of Llantwit Major.

INGRAM

Guy

Peacefully on March 2, Guy passed away at home surrounded by his family. He will be deeply missed by wife Clare, daughter Sophie, son Richard, and his fiancée Christina and his grandson Oscar, and all extended family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit Major until the funeral service on Thursday, 12 March 2015 in St. Illtud's Church at 10.15am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 11.30am. Family flowers only, but donations by cheque may be made to Marie Curie Cancer Care or Velindre Cancer Care c/o the Funeral Home.

PUGH

Elizabeth Mary (Betty)

Peacefully at Brocastle Care Home on February 17th, Betty, much loved wife of the late Tal. Loving mother grandmother and great grandmother, will be sadly missed. Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, March 9th at 11.30am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers made payable to The Alzheimer's Society, forwarded to 16 Columbus Walk, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff, CF10 4BY.

DAVIES

Freda

Peacefully on 23rd February 2015 at The Old Rectory Care Home, Wenvoe. Beloved wife of the late Dick, loving mother to Richard, Martin and Louise, devoted grandmother of Morgan, Ashley, Ceri and Rhys, also great grandmother to Bethan.

Will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Resting at James Summers & Son, Lavernock Court until the funeral service at St Mary's Church, Wenvoe on Friday, 6th March at 9am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium at 10am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Alzheimer's Society.

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Proposal/Cynnig: Redevelopment of the site for 34 dwellings, car parking and any associated works
Location:/Lleoliad: Ysgol Maes Dylfan, Gibbonsdown Rise, Barry

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North Hydraulic Pumping House, Hood Road, Barry

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In the previous 28 editions no less than 59 world best performances have been set, and three Barry winners have gone on to win global titles – Carolyn Hunter-Rowe (1993), Simon Pride (1999) and Lizzy Hawker (2006).

This year's field of 22 is as exciting as any in the past, and one need look no further than the entry of Steven Way (Bournemouth AC). In 2007, Steven was five stone overweight, working far too many hours in a stressful job and had a very unhealthy diet. A familiar tale perhaps, except that he decided to do something about it.

He started running and found some talent he never realised he had. Within six months he ran the London Marathon in 2:35. Last year he ran it in 2:16. That caught the eye of the English selectors who picked him for the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Marathon. He placed 10th in 2:15:16, thereby breaking the UK over-40 record of Ron Hill which had stood since 1979.

In the meantime, he'd also shattered the UK record for 100km in May at Gravesend, recording 6:19:20 for the 62 miles (an average of 6:07 miling!)

The winner from the last two years, Pieter Vermeesch (Belgium) returns, as does the 2012 winner, Grant Jeans from Glasgow.

Four of the entries are ladies, with the likely favourite Isobel Wykes (Truro) making

her Barry debut. Best known as a classy 100km performer, Isobel stepped up in distance last year and recorded 230.134 km (144 miles) in the national 24-hour championships at Tooting Bec in September.

As a result of that performance she was picked for the GB squad for the World 24 hour championships, which will be held in Turin in five weeks time. Local athlete Natasha Farid-Doyle, who won the Welsh title here two years ago, is another to watch, and the 217km she recently ran at the Barcelona 24 hours in December has earned her a reserve place on that GB squad.

Last year's Barry 40 ladies winner Jayne Angilly returns from Cornwall to defend her title, and completing a very impressive quartet is Loretta Daley, who is a three time winner of the Welsh title here.

As always the race incorporates the Welsh Ultradistance Championships, and 10 of the athletes qualify for that.

With Wales hosting the UK 100km championships at Redwick on Saturday, May 2, a race which incorporates the Anglo Celtic Plate i.e. Home Countries Team Championship, the athletes will have the added incentive of trying to catch the selectors' eye.

The great thing about ultradistance is that every athlete has a tale to tell – a special reason for competing, if you like.

Such tales are invariably inspiring, but none more so than that of Geoff Oliver. Geoff has run here many times before, 11 in all, and has set five world best performances – he is now 81!

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Thursday, February
26.**

Unfortunately it was a horrendously wet day, so rain stopped play – however, undaunted, they continued with their hat competition representing daffodils, leeks and dragons. A lot of effort went in to the hat making and there was a good assortment of lovely creations.

The competition was won by daffodil Margaret Rees. They had lots of fun and then enjoyed their lunch.

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JSTKD STUDENTS MAKE THEIR BOW



**THE new Sport Team
members at JSTKD Martial
Arts & Fitness got their first
taste of competition at the
recent TAGB Tae Kwon Do
Welsh Closed Championships.**

Held at the Caerleon campus of the University of south Wales, this large regional competition has over 500 competitors and attracts not only clubs from the area but from further afield such as north Wales and south west England.

JSTKD's new members fought well and gained valuable experience as they took part in their respective divisions.

They were given excellent support from the existing team members who once again came home with medals – Josh Edwards took the bronze in the boys' peewee black belt contest and added a silver in the tag team event.

Younger brother Sean also took a

silver in his tag team event. After an exciting and energetic series of fights, Alan Li just lost out on the gold and had to be content with a silver in the boys' heavyweight black belt division.

He then doubled up with a silver in the boys' black belt tag team competition. Lynne Doel made sure the adults didn't come home empty handed, claiming the bronze in the ladies Blue Belt division.

The team members are drawn from JSTKD's clubs throughout the Vale. The new recruits are now looking forward to putting their knowledge to good use when they take part in the English Championships later this Month.

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Cottrell youngsters are among the prizewinners



PICTURED, left to right: Megan, Jordan, and Daniel.

COTTRELL PARK was the best represented club in the Celtic with the following juniors winning *Manor Open* recently, despite four prizes: **Megan Cullinane** – girls of the juniors being unable to second place; **Daniel Thomas** – boys third place; **Jordan Taylor** – secure a place.

Under-6s' fun football

UNDER-6 fun football is booming in the Vale with record participation figures recorded.

The fun football provision is run by PG10 and supported by the FAW Trust and Everton FC Academy.

Since the provision opened two months ago, football opportunities for children aged five and six years old has risen from nothing to having regularly over a hundred under-6 children playing football. All the games are

non-competitive played in a 4v4 format and under the FAW mini football rules.

As well as the football opportunities coaches are also assisted with coaching sessions to aid player development throughout the week in their training sessions.

The provision is open to any child and any junior club in the area.

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ABOVE: Welsh rugby players put on a funny face for Red Nose Day...

Teaming up for Red Nose Day!

MEMBERS of the Welsh rugby team have taken time out of their Six Nations training to show support for Red Nose Day 2015.

Jake Ball, Samson Lee and Taulupe Faletau pulled their funniest faces to show how easy it is to take part in this year's campaign and raise some all-important cash.

In a video urging the Welsh public to make their faces funny for money, team mates took advantage and high tackled Wales lock, Jake with a shower of this year's Red Noses – available from Sainsbury's, Oxfam and rednoseday.com for just £1.

For Red Nose Day 2015, people all over Wales will be making their faces funny for money to help people living tough lives here in Wales, across the UK and Africa. Fundraising kits, giving pages and all the latest Red Nose Day stories are available from rednoseday.com. To really look the part, fundraisers can pick up the official Red Nose Day t-shirt from TK Maxx.

We welcome your sports news, reports and other items of interest - email us at: gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

STUD MANAGER JESSICA'S AWARD



Ryan Moore, Jessica Fortt and Clare Baldwin.

HORSE racing in Wales, and especially in the Vale, received a tremendous boost recently when Ogmere-by-the-Sea born Jessica Fortt, stud manager at the Dunraven Stud, Pyle near Bridgend, was awarded the top prize at the Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards in London.

Jessica received the trophy and a cheque for £40,000, half of which will be shared among the staff at the stud.

Jessica, a former jockey, who never rode a winner as she never sat on a horse that was capable of winning, used to work for Ystradowen trainer Bryn Palling before she worked at the Dunraven Stud founded by David Brace OBE.

She was the only Welsh competitor to reach the final stage in any of the categories of this prestigious competition. Former National Hunt jockey Brough Scott, chairman of the judging panel, said: "This year's awards have yet again produced a quite outstanding set of finalists and excellent winners. Despite not being the typical stud staff breed, at less than five feet tall she shows empathy with each stallion and a natural way of handling them that means her lack of

physicallity is not an issue.

"She has been, and is still involved in all parts of the game, as well as stud life and is also a magnificently refreshing character."

Mr Brace was also full of praise for Jessica and said: "She deserved the award as she is so dedicated and hardworking," while Jessica said: "I'm totally shocked, I didn't expect to win at all. To be one of the finalists is fantastic and to win overall is just incredible, I'm so pleased."

The winners were decided at a formal judging day held in the morning before the ceremony at the British Horseracing Authority's London office, where the finalists were interviewed by members of the judging panel.

Tom's hunter chase winner

LLANHARAN'S Tom David, riding the 10-year-old bay gelding Woodview Prince, easily landed the hunter chase at Leicester last week, despite his mount making a mistake at the last fence.

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It's White's lightning that strikes for Barry!

BARRY RFC visited Canton in a league fixture last Saturday and came home with a fine 46-3 victory to maintain their promotion challenge.

Star of the show was winger Brad White, who scored what may well be a club record five tries.

Playing in conditions more suited to their strengths, Barry opened brightly and following a couple of fine breaks by Hadfield and Evans the ball was spread quickly across the backs for White to cross for his first try which went unconverted.

This early reverse brought the home team to their senses as they started to gain some momentum up front with driving mauls which required Barry to be at their defensive best to halt.

It was the visitors' turn to use the same tactic which produced the second try as following a drive the ball found Giddings who battled over the line, the conversion again being unsuccessful.

Barry were to lose Hadfield to injury, replaced by Lee Jones, a pity as he had been creating problems for the home defence, Canton finally got on the scoresheet following a penalty for not releasing the ball.

This seemed to lift them as for the next 10 minutes their aggression at the ruck and maul unsettled the Barry eight. An unusual game of football broke out which somehow gave Barry a foothold in Canton territory, and was to see Barry lose the ball over the line on two occasions as they fought to increase the lead before halftime.

They achieved this when following a couple of Canton attacks, Dicks intercepted to run 50 yards and find

White, who crossed under the posts for a try, which somehow they failed to convert, to give them a 15-3 halftime lead.

Starting the half with only 14 men after an earlier yellow card, Barry raised the tempo but were guilty of not being able to control the ball and conceding penalties - but, most importantly, no points.

Mephram replaced Scott as Barry became more accurate with their passing and after a good break by Hollister and Jones, the ball was recycled to Einar Scott who weaved his way through the home defence to score a fine try, but one which he could not convert.

Lee came on to replace Gallivan as Barry appeared to be getting on top in most facets of play, and it came as no surprise when, from a planned move, Scott fed White at full speed to score a superbly worked try under the posts, converted by Scott.

With the bonus point gained Barry made further changes with Tanner and Evans being replaced by Pirso and Parker, making a welcome return after a long injury absence.

Barry were to add further tries from Giddings and a brace from White before the end to gain a comprehensive victory.

A good result from a good team performance is the message from this game, however things could be tougher this weekend as Llantwit Major, currently third in the table, are the visitors, kick off at 2.30pm. Plenty of home support would be good to see on Saturday to cheer the boys on.

AJ

Cadoxton bowls team prepare for open day

CADOXTON Bowling Club's secretary David Fanning reminds us that spring is just around the corner and the forecasters are promising us one of the best summers in recent years.

The club is getting ready for the new season and is looking forward eagerly to welcoming new members to what is fast becoming one of the town's growing sporting pastimes.

Club life member Don Kuhnell, one of the stalwarts of Welsh bowling, says that outdoor bowling is one of the best ways of keeping active and enjoying yourself without all the sweat and tears of most other outdoor sports. He's been bowling for years, all over the country, and is still as fit as a fiddle!

At the other end of the age range, the club's youngest member, teenager Ewan Heppenstall, is absolutely delighted that he has taken up the sport

and is enjoying it tremendously - and he's got his father to join as well!

The club is based in Cadoxton's award-winning Victoria Park, where it's been for the past 100 years or so, and has a top-notch bowling green, good-standard playing facilities and a welcoming clubhouse with a fully-licensed bar.

"We welcome anyone,

young or old, who'd like to try the game out," says David Fanning.

"All that is needed to start is a flat-soled pair of shoes; why not come along to the club's opening day on Saturday, April 16".

For further information, ring the club secretary on 01446 749556.

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Sully bridge club results

M O N D A Y , February 23:

North/South - 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 65.15, 2nd Mary Blackwell/Peter Blackwell 53.03, 3rd Patsy Cohen/Joy Secular 52.08. East/West - 1st Alan Jones/Carolyn Matthews 62.64, 2nd Merion Avon/Dorothy Foulkes 56.43, 3rd Hazel Craig/Peter Craig 56.41.

Wednesday, February 25: North/South - 1st Hazel Craig/Peter Craig 63.19, 2nd Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 59.55, 3rd John Worlock/Janet Cunnington 55.90.

East/West - 1st Jane Greatrex/John Pikoulis 66.92, 2nd Anne Macdougall/Anne Hilary Jones 63.35, 3rd Pat James/Penny Jones 60.71.

Saturday, February 28: North/South - 1st Richard Alleye/Norman Ryley 61.11, 2nd Reg Dyer/Kay Dyer 57.22, 3rd Hazel Craig/Peter Craig 54.74. East/West - 1st Bill Leyburn/Lynne Leayburn 60.23, 2nd Brian Knight/Sue Knight 50.31, 3rd Shirley Howman/Nigel Williams 50.05.

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TAE KWON DO STUDENTS HOLD COLOUR BELT GRADING

RECENTLY the Cadoxton and West End Schools of Tae Kwon Do held their first colour belt grading of 2015.

The grading took place at the Victoria Park Community Centre, where 23 students from the Cadoxton and West End Tae Kwon Do clubs were put through their passes by Master Ron Thomas, 8th Dan, assisted by Anita Sheppard (West End club instructor) and Matthew Bennett, assistant instructor.

The exam consisted of all aspects of this Korean Martial art, patterns, sparring, floor work, free sparring and power tests, finishing with theory.

The grading was a success with all 23 students passing their grading, four of which achieved top grade "A" passes - they were Lucia Cunningham, Cameron Evans, Jessica Blackley and Logan Magorimbo.

Jessica was awarded the Cadoxton grading shield with Logan winning the West End grading shield.

Successful candidates were: Promoted to 9th kup Orange belt: Leland Butler and Logan Magorimbo; promoted to 8th kup Yellow belt: John Campbell, Riley Rees, Bailey Rees, Maci Connell, Rhys Perrett & Ella Bedford; promoted to 7th kup Green stripe: - Charlie Rogers, Kiera



Watson Wood, Emily Miles & Peter O'Callaghan; promoted to 5th kup Blue strip: Thea Cunningham, Maddison Allen, Courtney James & Leo Cummins; promoted to 4th kup Blue belt: Cameron Evans, Ethan Andrus & Brooke Baker; promoted to 3rd kup Red stripe: Kurtis James & Lucia Cunningham; promoted to 2nd kup Red Belt: Jessica Blackley & Martin James.

Pictured with their instructors and grading examiners' are the successful candidates. For further information phone (01446) 406372 or see www.cadoxtontaekwondo.weebly.com.

RT

Sports defeated in a tight game

SULLY Sports RFC lost this weekend away to Tongwlnais 5-6, even though they 'scored' three unawarded tries.

These things happen in rugby, and it just proves how tough this league is and how hard they will have to work to stay in the top three or even be promoted.

Sports started the game with intent but bad decision making and two soft penalties gave Tongwlnais the lead 6-0. Sports then got into the game and started putting phases together, with the final pass not going to hand or finding the oncoming player. Some good defence kept the home team out and they had to resort to kicking possession away.

The second half started much as the first had finished, both sides going for the kicking option, and strong defence

from Sports. Peter Mees and Antony Williams were let loose, which seemed to spur on the team, and again the forwards crossed the line with the backs joining in for the only try of the game.

It was a frustrating game to watch but thank you to all those who made the journey. Despite the loss there were some good points for coach Gareth Ivory to dwell over during training and selection this week. The next game will be Ferndale at home on Saturday, March 7.

Team: Jody Velda, Sam Bowditch, Dan Stillman, Alex Szuchnik, Gareth Foxall, Mike Angove, Curtis Miller, John Thomas (c), Antony Williams, Rhys Manford, Dai Harris, Jake Williams, Scott Mills, Lee Walters, Adam Wheeler, Damion Huggins, Dave Weston, Matt Phillips, Peter Mees.

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Sports league results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Railway 8, Moors Boys 7; Cadoxton Cons 9, West End 6; Wyndham Cons 11, West End Wanderers 4; Liberals 9, Rhooose Social 6. League table: Railway 80, Savoy A 77, Cadoxton Cons B 61, West End C 60, Cadoxton Cons Z 57, Rhooose Social B 48, Rhooose Social C 48, Harbour A 45, Wyndham Cons A 43, Penarth Cons B 40, Savoy B 37, Wyndham Cons C 34.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Sea View B 6, King William XII 1; Allsorts 31/2, West End D 31/2; Slammers 4, Rhooose Social C 3; Rhooose Social A 0, West End C 7; Runway Club 5, Liberals A 2; Liberals C 3, Barries Boys 4; Rhooosters 21/2, Rugby Club 41/2; Rhooose Social B 2, Cambrian Flyers 5.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Sully Sports A 2, West End B 3; Market Street B 3, Market Street C 2; Cadoxton Cons A 2, Railway C 3; Services End C 2, Cadoxton Cons B 1; Penarth Cons A 4; Liberators 1, Railway A 4. League table: Railway A 76, Railway B 58, Market Street B 57, Liberators 53, Penarth Cons D 53, Services Social B 52, Cadoxton Cons A 48, Penarth Cons A 48, Sully Sports A 48, Market Street C 47, West End B 40, *Railway C 35 (* points deducted).

End C 2, Cadoxton Cons B 3; Savoy A 4, Harbour A 1; Penarth Cons B 1, Cadoxton Cons Z 4. League table:

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Dinas Powys Golf Club ladies section
ON Tuesday, February 3 a nine hole Stableford: first Lisa Ryley, Angela Brown and Ruth Yates 35pts, second, A n n Mahenthiralingam, Audrey Harwood and Frances Stuckey 31pts, third L o u i s e Wilding, Vicki Ellison and Pat Barker 29pts.

ON Tuesday, February 24 a nine hole Texas Scramble first, Ann Mahenthiralingam, Terry Unwin, Mel King 40 - 6.58 = 33.42; second Sue Bridle, Angela Brown, Vicki Ellison 40 - 6.25 = 33.75; third Lisa Ryley, Annie Blackburn 39 - 4.87 = 34.13.

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SIX NATIONS RUGBY

FRANCE 13 : WALES 20



WALES TURN ON THE POWER AND STUN FRENCH,
THEN WARN THE GRAND SLAM-HUNTING IRISH...

We're not finished yet!



*Pictures by
Huw Evans
Agency.*

ABOVE: Where the damage was done – the superb Welsh forwards, led by skipper Sam Warburton, laid the foundations for victory with an awesome display of power and control in both the tight and loose to which the bemused French had no answer.

“Strategy is the art of making use of time and space...”

*Napoleon Bonaparte,
1769-1821*

IN March 1815, the French Emperor, Napoleon Bonaparte, escaped to Paris from exile on Elba, in a fateful bid to regain the throne – which ended when the victor of countless battles across Europe ran out of time and space in a final set-piece showdown at Waterloo – with the outcome in doubt right to the end.

Almost exactly 200 years later, there was a sporting parallel in the Six Nations clash in Paris on Saturday, where a rugged forward onslaught stifled misfiring France up front, denying them the time and space to follow Napoleon's maxim (*what a great rugby coach he could have been!*) and unleash Gallic élan, in a gripping contest at Stade de France.

The Welsh camp rightly savoured a hard-fought 20-13 victory, the fourth in a row over France (something not seen since the 1950s); and Warren Gatland's first in Paris as Wales' head coach, that vindicated his judgment in making four changes to the team that won 26-23 in Scotland two weeks earlier.

More satisfyingly, it confirmed his squad's recovery from the shock 16-21 home defeat to England in the opening game of the tournament and put the Six Nations championship challenge firmly back on track – with Grand Slam-hunting Ireland's 19-9 victory over England on Sunday setting up a mouth-watering Celtic clash at the Millennium Stadium on March 14. What a battle royal that promises to be!

Little wonder that the normally restrained Kiwi has been fulsome in his praise: *“The boys were outstanding... The forwards were sensational in the maul, scrummage and lineout... Experience and composure got us*

over the line in the end,” he observed.

Welsh captain Sam Warburton added: *“The pack thought we had underperformed in the last few weeks... and wanted to put that right”.*

To a man, they certainly did that, taking the battle to the French from the outset, keeping the ball through 11 phases and forcing a penalty which the ever immaculate Leigh Halfpenny effortlessly lofted over inside five minutes.

With Jamie Roberts charging into the heart of the enemy lines, closely supported by co-centre Jonathan Davies, alarm bells rang loud in the French camp.

An early despatch from the replacements bench in the shape of burly Mathieu Basteraud stiffened up the midfield, as home outside half Camille Lopez levelled the score with a penalty and then failed with a second attempt from 47 metres that would have given his embattled side the lead against the run of play.

Halfpenny, in contrast, made no such mistake with his second penalty, to inch Wales into the lead at 6-3 – but the ever unpredictable French suddenly struck, rapier-like, crossing the line for a touchdown that was disallowed for a forward pass – and then a third home penalty award went astray.

The first half ended with Wales clinging to a three-point lead, but increasingly in command territorially and claiming 76 per cent of possession.

A change of kicker after the interval brought the home team no better luck, as scrum half Morgan Parra failed with a 45-yard penalty attempt – France reverting back to Lopez – who this time made no mistake when Wales were penalised in front of the posts, to level the score once more at 6-6.

Then came a ferocious drive by the Welsh pack, which was becoming increasingly dominant the more play went on, and Halfpenny calmly regained the lead with the inevitable penalty award.

The French cause was weakened further when Parra left the field and, with the Welsh set piece holding firm, the team's growing confidence was seen when prop Gethin Jenkins attempted a cheeky chip ahead into space, but the ball rolled into touch!

Then, outstanding Welsh outside half Dan Biggar attempted a speculative drop goal, only to see the ball rebound from the outside of an upright.

On the hour, Wales struck a decisive blow when lively scrum half Rhys Webb broke away with blindside flanker Dan Lydiate in close support, and Lydiate adroitly passed inside to Biggar, who raced over in the far corner for a try to widen the gap to 14-6.

Halfpenny for once missed the difficult touchline conversion, and when four minutes later he made amends with another immaculately-struck penalty, to make the score 17-6, Welsh fans in the crowd (as well as the thousands cheering the team on at home), began to breathe more easily.

However, the French were determined that this was not to be another ‘Waterloo sunset’ and mounted a desperate rally, a converted try by Brice Dulin bringing them to within four points of the visitors' total.

This was the signal for mass changes, bringing fresh legs from the Wales bench for the crucial 10 minutes remaining.

How many times had their team been in this position and how many times had they been denied at the death? These were the thoughts running through Welsh minds; but then – with Biggar off injured and replaced



ABOVE:

Livewire Welsh scrum half, Rhys Webb, breaks away and sets off on a typical run that resulted in a try wide out by Ospreys team mate Dan Biggar, who was slipped an adroit back pass by flanker Dan Lydiate.



The French were not just beaten on the ground, Wales challenged in the air, too.

by Rhys Priestland – Halfpenny stepped up to apply the *coup de grace*, his fifth penalty extending the margin to 20-13. There was time for one fruitless French flurry before the referee's whistle brought a momentous Welsh victory, that could even be surpassed at the Millennium Stadium in nine days time!

Ireland be warned – this rejuvenated Wales team is not finished yet – the Six Nations championship challenge is still very much on!